

Helicopter crashes on roof of NYC skyscraper, killing pilot

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A helicopter crashed on the roof of a rain-shrouded midtown Manhattan skyscraper Monday, killing the pilot and briefly triggering memories of 9/11, after an erratic trip across some of the nation's most restricted airspace. Authorities said they did not suspect terrorism.

The crash near Times Square and Trump Tower shook the 750-foot (229-meter) AXA Equitable building, sparked a fire, and forced office workers to flee on elevators and down stairs, witnesses and officials said.

The pilot was the only per-

son aboard, and there were no other reports of injuries, authorities said.

It was not immediately clear what caused the crash, or why the Agusta A109E was flying in a driving downpour with low cloud cover and in the tightly controlled airspace of midtown Manhattan.

A flight restriction in effect since President Donald Trump took office bans aircraft from flying below 3,000 feet (914 meters) within a 1-mile (1.6 km) radius of Trump Tower, which is less than a half-mile (0.8 kilometers) from the crash site.



Mist and smoke cover the top of a building near 51st Street and 7th Avenue Monday, June 10, 2019, in New York, where a helicopter was reported to have crash landed on top of the roof of a building in midtown Manhattan.

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APNewsBreak: Naval War College head reassigned pending probe

By JENNIFER McDERMOTT and MICHELLE R. SMITH
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PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) —

The head of the U.S. Naval War College was removed from his post Monday, days after The Associated Press reported he was under investigation amid allegations of mismanagement. The Navy announced the reassignment of Rear Adm. Jeffrey Harley, who has been criticized for allegedly spending excessively, abusing his hiring authority and otherwise behaving inappropriately — including keeping a margarita machine in his office.

Lt. Cmdr. Jacqueline Pau said Monday that Navy leaders felt the change is

best for the college because it maintains the integrity of the investigation. Pau, the spokeswoman for Adm. John Richardson, the chief of naval operations, said it would ensure that Harley is afforded due process.

Inspector general investigations, across the Defense Department, routinely take months or more than a year. Provost Lewis M. Duncan has temporarily assumed the president's duties.

Harley later announced his departure to campus by saying he was "stepping down."

"Team, this will be my last email to you," Harley wrote. "Due to the distractions



This undated file image provided by the U.S. Navy shows Rear Adm. Jeffrey Harley, president of the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, R.I.

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caused by the unfounded AP article last week, I am stepping down as President of YOUR college effective immediately."

Asked to clarify, college spokesman Cmdr. Gary Ross told the AP on Monday that Harley was reassigned to Washington and had not resigned.

Harley had earlier told the AP the college, located on Narragansett Bay in Newport, was under fiscal strain because the Navy hasn't fully funded new missions.

The college on Monday also postponed a strategy forum that was due to start Tuesday and was expected to draw high-ranking officials including Navy Secretary Richard V. Spencer, along with hundreds of guests. Spencer was still scheduled to speak Friday at the graduation cere-

mony for the elite school, which grooms future admirals and generals.

Emails obtained by the AP show the college has struggled to make payroll under Harley's leadership and spent about \$725,000 annually on raises while facing an annual shortfall of \$5 million or more.

Multiple current and former college employees blamed the budget problems in part on substantial raises granted by Harley to some faculty, as well spending on certain contractors and others, who they said brought little benefit to the college. They spoke about their concerns on condition of anonymity because they feared professional retaliation.

Harley has told staff and faculty in emails this spring that the college was rem-

edying pay gaps between men and women, balancing pay between departments and creating a system to avoid future disparities.

He declined last week to answer a series of questions about additional allegations, including his use of a margarita machine. He downplayed the complaints in a campus-wide email, saying they were from "a few individuals" and all his decisions were subject to legal review and within his authority.

A small group of longtime college employees filed an anonymous complaint in April 2018 with the Navy's office of the inspector general. Two of them told the AP that they and others were interviewed by investigators in September but nothing happened. □

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"There's something mysterious here," Mayor Bill de Blasio told CNN, saying officials were scrutinizing video of a "very erratic" flight and authorities needed to find out more about the pilot at the time he decided to take off.

The pilot, identified by his employer as Tim McCormack, was a former fire chief in upstate Clinton, New York.

With 15 years of experience flying helicopters and single-engine airplanes, he was certified as a flight instructor last year, according to Federal Aviation Administration records.

The East Clinton Volunteer Fire Department posted on Facebook that McCormack's "technical knowledge and ability to command an emergency were exceptional."

The 19-year-old helicopter was linked to a real estate company founded by Italian-born investor Daniele Bodini, according to FAA records.

The helicopter went down about 11 minutes after taking off from a heliport along the East River, a little more than a mile (1.6 km) away. Police Commissioner James O'Neill said it may have been returning to its home airport in Linden, New Jersey.

The director at Linden Municipal Airport, Paul Dudley, described McCormack as "a highly seasoned" and "very well regarded" pilot who was a regular at the airfield.

He suspects that a mechanical problem or the weather "overwhelmed him and the helicopter," Dudley said. "I believe he tried to get on the roof and spare the people on the ground."

McCormack, 58, chronicled some of his helicopter flights on his Facebook page, including a 2014 emergency landing caused by a bird strike. He had been conducting a sightseeing tour over Manhattan when the bird penetrated the windshield of his Bell BHT 407, causing McCormack to land unexpectedly at the West 30th Street Heliport.

"It was pretty much like an explosion going off in your cockpit," McCormack told television station WABC at the time.

The crash happened shortly before 2 p.m. Monday, when clouds obscured the roof of the building. Rescue vehicles swarmed to the scene a few blocks from Rockefeller Center.

Pedro Rodriguez, a pastry line cook at Le Bernardin, a well-known restaurant in the AXA Equitable building, said workers got an announcement telling everyone to exit, and he later heard from people around him that there was a fire on the roof.

The evacuation was not chaotic, Rodriguez said, but he was rattled because he immediately thought of the Sept. 11 attacks.

"It's scary when something like this happens," he said. Videos posted by onlookers showed emergency vehicles in the street, but no obvious damage to the skyscraper.

The fire department later tweeted a photo of the helicopter's wreckage that showed piles of burned debris on the roof.

"If you're a New Yorker, you have a level of PTSD, right, from 9/11. And I remember that morning all too well. So as soon as you hear an aircraft hit a building, I think my mind goes where every New Yorker's mind goes,"

Gov. Andrew Cuomo told reporters.

Working for a bank on the building's seventh floor, Kendall Sawyer felt a shake — "jarring enough to notice," but workers weren't sure what it was, she said.

Then came an announcement that the situation was being looked into, and a few minutes later, an instruction to evacuate, without explanation, she said.

"It was a little bit crazy, a little bit scary" as workers walked down the stairs, she said.

A block south, lawyer Lance Koonce heard a loud sound he thought could be a low-flying helicopter. From his 21st-story window, he looked up and saw smoke. □



This photo released by the New York City Fire Department shows damage caused by a helicopter crash, south of Central Park in New York on Monday, June 10, 2019.

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Ex-Virginia attorney general named to U.S. immigration post

By COLLEEN LONG and LISA MASCARO

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — An outspoken supporter of President Donald Trump's hardline immigration policies has been named acting director of the agency that manages legal immigration, despite deep opposition from key Senate Republicans.

Ken Cuccinelli will oversee U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services starting Monday, Department of Homeland Security Acting Secretary Kevin McAleenan announced.

But it's unclear if Trump will nominate Cuccinelli for the permanent position. That would require Senate confirmation, which could be difficult. Instead, Trump may simply opt to keep Cuccinelli in the acting position, a work-around to rules governing vacancies that sparked Senate objections.

"I don't think that's a wise move," said Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., who warned bypassing the confirmation process could spill over into other nominations.

The second-ranking Republican, Sen. John Thune of South Dakota, said the preference would be for Trump to submit the nomination, "and go through the process and have a confirmation hearing and an opportunity for a vote." Said Thune: "We think that's the way really if you want to solidify people in these positions. But they've chosen a different path."

Cuccinelli is a former Virginia attorney general who ran for governor of Virginia, but lost to Democrat Terry McAuliffe in 2013.

He has in the past advocated for denying citizenship to the American-born children of parents living in



In this Nov. 14, 2018, file photo, from left, Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, former Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli, and Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, laugh before President Donald Trump arrived to announce his support for the first major rewrite of the nation's criminal justice sentencing laws at White House in Washington.

the U.S. illegally.

It's not just Cuccinelli's views on immigration that would generate unease among senators.

As the former head of the Senate Conservatives Fund, Cuccinelli has been highly critical of Senate GOP leadership, including once advocating for the removal of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and his entire leadership team.

The group backed conservative candidates for Senate and primary challengers for incumbent Republicans, putting it at odds with the party's chosen candidates. His group and others complained McConnell was insufficiently delivering on conservative priorities, including immigration.

And he helped lead the failed 2016 effort by Trump's chief rival, Sen. Ted Cruz,

to secure a rules vote that would have complicated Trump's nomination as GOP candidate for president.

One Republican familiar with the situation said the White House has been made aware that Cuccinelli would have a difficult time winning confirmation in the Senate, where Republicans have the majority.

The person, granted anonymity to discuss private conversations, said confirmation would be a tough lift.

Facing a potential confirmation battle, it appears the Trump administration placed Cuccinelli in a new position that could be a way to work around federal regulations that limit how long people can serve without Senate confirmation, one legal expert said. Democrats signaled strong

opposition.

Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., the chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, called Cuccinelli "an anti-immigrant fringe figure that has no business" helming a key component of the nation's immigration system.

"Besides being a right-wing commentator, Cuccinelli is completely unqualified to the lead USCIS," he said in a statement.

"With both Democrats and Republicans opposing him, there is no reason for President Trump to instill someone who has no chance of Senate confirmation."

Citizenship and Immigration Services is the agency responsible for legal immigration, including benefits and visas.

The position opened after Trump forced the resignation of Lee Francis Cissna ,

who Trump believed wasn't doing enough. Cissna said he worked "passionately."

The departure last month came amid a White House-orchestrated shakeup at Homeland Security, including the April resignation of Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen.

There are more than a dozen vacancies of top leadership positions at the sprawling, 240,000-employee department.

This comes as the Trump administration is struggling with a migrant surge at the southern border that is straining federal resources. Cuccinelli's name has been mentioned for months to become part of the administration, including as possible Homeland Security secretary or as an immigration czar .

There was debate within the Trump administration over whether that czar's position would be housed within the White House or within Homeland Security, a trickier spot where the appointment could conflict with top leaders in Senate-confirmed positions.

"Our nation has the most generous legal immigration system in the world and we must zealously safeguard its promise for those who lawfully come here," he said in a statement Monday.

The action comes as the department is calling on Congress to provide \$4.5 billion more in aid for the border crisis and Trump eased off his threat to impose tariffs on Mexico unless it helps stem the number of Central American migrants flowing over the border.

Mexico agreed to greatly ramp up sending asylum seekers back over the border to wait out their cases and will send National Guard troops to its southern border. □



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Judge says Missouri's only abortion clinic can remain open

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Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A St. Louis judge issued another order Monday to keep Missouri's only abortion clinic operating while a fight over the facility's license plays out in court.

Circuit Judge Michael Stelzer granted Planned Parenthood's request for a preliminary injunction, which extends his earlier order to temporarily block the state from allowing the St. Louis facility's license to lapse. The courtroom win for abortion-rights advocates comes after a string of setbacks in legislatures around the U.S.

The state health department in May declined to renew the clinic's license to perform abortion procedures, citing concerns about patient safety, "failed surgical abortions" and legal violations. Stelzer's ruling on Monday ordered the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services to decide on Planned Parenthood's application to renew its li-



A Planned Parenthood clinic is seen Tuesday, June 4, 2019, in St. Louis. On Monday, June 10, 2019, a judge in St. Louis issued another order allowing Missouri's only abortion clinic to continue operating.

cense by June 21.

Dr. Leana Wen, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, called the ruling "a clear victory for our patients - and for people across Missouri," but said the threat against legal abortion remains.

"We've seen just how

closely anti-health politicians came to ending abortion care for an entire state," Wen said in a statement. "We are in a state of emergency for women's health in America."

Phone and email messages seeking comment from Republican Gov. Mike Parson's office and the health

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department were not immediately returned.

Stelzer's ruling said he wasn't determining whether the license should be approved or denied. But the judge noted that one issue in dispute is whether the health department can simply allow the abortion clinic's license to lapse without taking any action. "The Court does not believe that an 'official action' can include non-action," Stelzer wrote.

The state issued subpoenas to staff doctors and former medical residents who worked at Planned Parenthood's St. Louis facility, seeking their testimony about what an assistant

attorney general called "grave concerns" about patient safety. Clinic leaders said the move is part of an effort by an anti-abortion administration to eliminate the procedure in Missouri.

According to Planned Parenthood, no state has been without a functioning abortion clinic since 1974, the year after the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade ruling that legalized abortion nationwide.

The fight over the clinic's license comes as lawmakers in many conservative states, including Missouri, are passing new restrictions that take aim at Roe. Abortion opponents, emboldened by new conservative justices on the Supreme Court, hope federal courts will uphold laws that prohibit abortions before a fetus is viable outside the womb, the dividing line the high court set in Roe. Parson signed legislation on May 24 to ban abortions at or beyond eight weeks of pregnancy, with exceptions for medical emergencies but not for rape or incest.

The number of abortions performed in Missouri has declined every year for the past decade, reaching a low of 2,910 last year. Of those, an estimated 1,210 occurred at eight weeks or less of pregnancy, according to preliminary statistics from the state health department. □

Prosecutors: Mexico church might harass victims, witnesses

STEFANIE DAZIO

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Prosecutors in a case against the leader of Mexico-based megachurch La Luz del Mundo and two followers charged with child rape and human trafficking said they have "significant concerns" the church's followers could harass or intimidate victims and potential witnesses.

Naasón Joaquín García, 50, and his co-defendants returned to Los Angeles Superior Court on Monday. They face a 26-count felo-



Naason Joaquin Garcia, left, appears with his attorney in court in Los Angeles, Calif. on Monday, June 10, 2019.

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ny complaint that alleges crimes including child rape, statutory rape, molestation, human trafficking, child pornography and extor-

tion. The charges detail allegations involving three girls and one woman between 2015 and 2018 in Los Angeles County. □

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Report: Black Missouri drivers 91% more likely to be stopped

By **SUMMER BALLENTINE**

Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP)

— A report from Missouri's attorney general shows that black drivers across the state are 91% more likely than white motorists to be pulled over by police and newly collected data shows that African-Americans are even more likely to be stopped in many communities where they live.

The Attorney General's Office for the first time last year collected data on whether people pulled over by police lived in the area or not. That's significant because law enforcement organizations for years have said that if drivers of color from out of town are pulled over as they commute through a city with a large white population that could skew a local police agency's data to make the disparity rate artificially high.

While that appears to be the case in some jurisdictions, the numbers show the disparity is sometimes actually higher when comparing arrests of only resident white and black drivers.

The Missouri NAACP in 2017 issued a travel advisory warning people to be careful while in Missouri because of a danger that civil rights won't be respected, citing in part the attorney general's annual report on disparities in police stops.

For example, St. Louis County police were 80% more likely to stop black drivers compared to white drivers, when analyzing the total number of police stops. But when only comparing St. Louis County drivers, data show black drivers were more than twice as likely to be pulled over.

In the Kansas City-area city of Blue Springs, which is 87% white based on 2010 census data and close to Interstate 70, black drivers in general were 275% more likely to be stopped. When isolating stops to residents, data show black drivers were nearly three times as likely to be stopped compared to white resident drivers. "That is worrisome, because now we have a

more accurate indicator of disparity because the population base is, if you will, the correct one," said Richard Rosenfeld, a University of Missouri-St. Louis criminologist who analyzed the data for the attorney general's office. The 2018

corded in the almost two decades since the state first began compiling data. In Ferguson, black drivers in 2014 were 265 percent more likely than white motorists to be pulled over. When comparing only residents, black drivers were

75% in 2016 and up to 85% in 2017. "One has to be cautious about how you interpret that," Rosenfeld said, "because in the more recent years of course we're moving further and further away from the 2010 Census, which was used as

who support our law enforcement officers should not blindly conclude bias exists without being part of the solution."

Missouri Police Chiefs Association President Wes Blair referred questions about the attorney general's findings to Executive Director Sheldon Lineback, who on Friday said he has been out on medical leave and had not yet read the report. Lineback did not immediately comment.

The attorney general released the annual police stops findings on May 31, within days of Plain View Project researchers flagging 166 bigoted or violent social media posts by active-duty and former cops in St. Louis and other cities, sparking an internal affairs probe and officer sensitivity training in St. Louis.

One St. Louis police official shared a meme asserting that "if the Confederate flag is racist, then so is Black History Month."

The progressive advocacy group Empower Missouri is calling for increased communication between police and communities and policies "that help to break down the socioeconomic barriers that disproportionately affect People of Color in our state," according to a release from the group in response to the latest police stops report.

The organization also wants "meaningful legislation to address the inherent structural problems within our criminal justice system."

"If you don't have any teeth in that law that bans racial profiling, then you won't get compliance," said Republican state Rep. Shamed Dogan, of the St. Louis suburb of Ballwin. "We need to get Republicans on board to recognize that it's a crisis. We have data to prove this has been going on for two decades."

Missouri law allows the governor to strip state funding from police agencies that don't comply with the state's racial profiling law. State Budget Director Dan Haug said at least as far back as 2015, that has not occurred. □



In this Dec. 3, 2013, file photo, Missouri Sen. Eric Schmitt, leads a meeting at the Capitol in Jefferson City, Mo.

Associated Press

report comes nearly five years after protesters in Ferguson drew national attention to longstanding concerns about police treatment of black communities following the 2014 police shooting death of Michael Brown, a black, unarmed 18-year-old who lived in the St. Louis suburb.

Data released by Republican Attorney General Eric Schmitt show that since then, reports of black drivers being pulled over at a disproportionately high rate compared to their white counterparts have only increased. Last year's statewide disparity rate between white and black drivers is the highest re-

more than three times as likely to be stopped compared to white motorists in 2018. "For the eighteenth year in a row, the Missouri Attorney General's office has released a report that shows black communities, and people of color are disproportionately stopped and searched by law enforcement," ACLU legislative and policy Director Sara Baker said in a statement. "A report is not enough. Actions must be taken."

In 2015, data show black drivers were roughly 70% more likely to be stopped by police compared to white motorists statewide. That disparity climbed to

the population base. But I don't think use of the 2010 Census alone explains that increase in disparity."

Missouri Sheriff s' Association Executive Director Kevin Merritt in a Monday statement said "law enforcement has no tolerance for racial bias in policing and in general is not opposed to data collection." But he raised issues with drawing conclusions from police stops and said law enforcement officials have pushed to collect additional data on whether officers knew the race of the driver before pulling them over.

"There is much more to this issue than raw data of stops," Merritt said. "Those

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Lawmakers aim for Pulse to be designated national memorial

By MIKE SCHNEIDER
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Only days before the third anniversary of the worst attack on gay people in the U.S., members of central Florida's congressional delegation said Monday they were introducing legislation that would designate as a national memorial the gay nightclub where 49 people were massacred by a supporter of the Islamic State. U.S. Reps. Darren Soto and Stephanie Murphy, both Democrats, said at a ceremony outside the former nightclub that the designation will preserve and protect Pulse for future generations and give it the federal recognition it deserves. It will be three years on Wednesday that gunman Omar Mateen opened fire at the Orlando gay nightclub on Latin night. Mateen, who had pledged allegiance to the Islamic State, was killed in a shootout with police after a three-hour standoff inside Pulse.

At the time, it was the deadliest mass shooting in



Rep. Darren Soto, D-Fla. makes comments during a news conference to introduce legislation that would designate the Pulse nightclub site as a national memorial, Monday, June 10, 2019, in Orlando, Fla.

modern U.S. history. However, the mass shooting in 2017 along the Las Vegas Strip became the deadliest when 58 people were killed.

Pulse owner Barbara Poma has established a nonprofit

to open a memorial and museum at the site. About \$14 million has been raised for the \$50 million project. Six design firms have been selected as finalists and the winner will be chosen in the fall. The permanent

memorial and museum are scheduled to open in 2022. Soto said the national memorial designation would allow the Pulse site to become part of the national park system while still allowing for the nonprofit to

maintain control over it. Also backing the bill is U.S. Rep. Val Demings, D-Fla.

"This is an important step in preserving an LGBT historic landmark at a time when many of these sites are being destroyed," Soto said.

After the ceremony, several of the participants joined other activists at the local Supervisor of Elections office to present 103,000 petitions supporting a constitutional amendment on the 2020 ballot to ban the sale of assault weapons in Florida.

A petition must be signed by 766,200 voters in at least 14 congressional districts to appear on an election ballot. Once 10% of that threshold is met, it can be sent to the Florida Supreme Court for review. Organizers from the Ban Assault Weapons Now coalition said Monday that the 10% benchmark had been passed. The coalition is made up of survivors and family members of victims of the Pulse shooting and the massacre at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. □

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In this Dec. 31, 2013, file photo, swimmers float in the Pacific Ocean as the sun sets off of Waikiki Beach in Honolulu on New Years Eve.

Associated Press

Hawaii budget includes \$13M for Waikiki Beach restoration

HONOLULU (AP) — The state budget passed by the Hawaii Legislature includes funding for repairs at Waikiki Beach, officials said.

The legislature approved about \$13 million for improvements to the crumbling Royal Hawaiian seawall and other man-made structures at the state's most visited beach, The Honolulu Star-Advertiser reported Sunday.

"This is the largest appropriation for beach improvements on Oahu in recent memory. It allows us to move forward on several projects that have been discussed on and off for decades," said Dolan Eversole of the University of Hawaii.

The \$13 million is sufficient to shore up the Royal Hawaiian seawall between the Waikiki Sheraton and Royal Hawaiian hotels and return a seawall to Kuhio Beach, which officials said have been failing for years.

Waikiki's overhaul is scheduled to start in late summer or early fall. Previously there was no timeline for replacing the structures protecting the beach from erosion. □

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LONDON (AP) — Britain is set to get a new prime minister, but only members of the Conservative Party have a say in the decision. The Conservatives are holding an election to replace Prime Minister Theresa May, who resigned as party leader last week after failing to lead Britain out of the European Union on schedule. After the close of nominations on Monday, 10 lawmakers were officially running to succeed her:

— **BORIS JOHNSON, 54:**

The former London mayor and foreign secretary adores the limelight and courts the media, tousling his blond hair to make it even more unruly and peppering his speeches with jokes, quips and Latin phrases. One of Britain's best-known politicians, he is popular with rank-and-file Conservative Party members who think he has the popular touch, and is currently the bookies' favorite to replace May.

A leading figure in the 2016 campaign to leave the European Union, Johnson takes a tough line on Brexit. He has vowed that Britain will quit the EU on Oct. 31 with or without an agreement, and threatened to withhold an agreed 39 billion pound (\$50 billion) divorce payment if the bloc plays hardball. He's also promising a tax cut for mid-



In this Wednesday, June 13, 2018 file photo, Britain's Foreign Minister Boris Johnson leaves 10 Downing Street in London.

dle- and high-income earners.

— **JEREMY HUNT, 52:**

Hunt has held a variety of government posts and has been foreign secretary since Johnson resigned in July over Brexit. Regarded as even-tempered and competent, he managed to navigate a heated contract dispute with doctors in the National Health Service when he was health secretary, securing a deal after a long-standing argument. Though an excellent communicator, some doubt he is flashy enough to excite the electorate.

Hunt backed the losing "remain" side during the 2016 EU membership referendum, but now says he will negotiate a better Brexit deal with the EU and lead the U.K. out of the bloc.

— **MICHAEL GOVE, 51:**

Like Johnson, Gove helped lead the campaign to leave the European Union, but scuttled his friend Johnson's bid to become prime minister in 2016 when he unexpectedly withdrew support and decided to run for the job himself — a move that gives him a lingering taint of treachery in the eyes of some Con-

servatives. Gove has held several posts in May's government — he's currently environment secretary — and backed her Brexit policies even as former colleagues denounced May's withdrawal deal. That hurts him among hardcore Brexiters, who believe he went soft by supporting May's deal. Gove is also facing pressure after acknowledging that he took cocaine more than once before entering politics.

— **DOMINIC RAAB, 45:**

The former Brexit Secretary, who held the post from July to November, resigned in

opposition to the divorce deal that May struck with the European Union. A firm Brexiteer, he says Britain has been "humiliated" by the EU and must not delay its departure beyond Oct. 31; he has even suggested he could suspend Parliament if it tried to delay or impede Brexit. Raab also appears to be playing to the party's traditionalist wing, saying he is "probably not" a feminist and opposes making it easier for people to change their gender.

— **SAJID JAVID, 48:**

Javid's background as the son of Pakistani immigrants sets him apart from many of the other Conservative contenders. A former banker who was elected to Parliament in 2010, he is a champion of the free-market, libertarian wing of the party.

During the Brexit referendum of 2016, Javid was on the "remain" side but has since embraced Brexit, though some Brexiteers remain suspicious of his allegiances. He says he would make getting a new deal with the EU his "absolute priority" and does not favor walking away without an agreement.

As home secretary, responsible for immigration and borders, he has raised his profile in recent months by taking aggressive action to curtail the arrival of small boats carrying migrants across the English Channel. □

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Greek president OKs request for early election on July 7

By NICHOLAS PAPHITIS
Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greece is on track for a general election July 7, three months ahead of schedule, after the country's president accepted a request Monday by left-wing Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras to dissolve parliament in the wake his heavy defeat in European parliamentary elections.

During a brief meeting with President Prokopis Pavlopoulos, Tsipras said he wanted the early election to avoid months of campaigning that might have endangered the bailed-out country's economy.

In last month's European vote, Tsipras' governing Syriza party lost by more than 9 percentage points to the main opposition, conservative New Democracy party.

That defeat came despite a raft of new welfare



Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras, right, leaves from the Presidential Palace after his meeting with Greek President Prokopis Pavlopoulos, in Athens, on Monday, June 10, 2019.

handouts Tsipras had announced earlier that had alarmed bailout creditors who feared the spending would derail the country's shaky finances.

Opinion polls point to New Democracy winning the upcoming election comfortably.

Tsipras told Pavlopoulos that following the May 26

European elections "conditions were such that there would have been an extended campaign period, and I estimated that this might engender dan-

gers for the smooth course of the economy."

"This would have endangered the efforts and sacrifices of the Greek people," he added.

Tsipras has said he will stay on in office until the elections, and is expected to appoint caretaker ministers to a handful of key cabinet posts.

Markets welcomed the prospect of the vote. On Monday, Greek stocks surged 3.3 percent to a 13-month high.

A more important gauge perhaps of investor sentiment is the fact that the interest rate on the country's benchmark 10-year bond has dropped sharply since a visibly shaken Tsipras first announced, late on May 26, he would hold early elections. This means investors see a much lower risk than earlier in placing their money in Greek government debt. □

Associated Press

New Zealand plans to withdraw all Iraq troops by next June

By NICK PERRY
Associated Press

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — New Zealand announced Monday that it will withdraw all of its troops from Iraq by next June.

New Zealand has a small contingent of 95 so-called noncombat personnel deployed at the Taji Military Complex northwest of Baghdad, where they are tasked with training Iraqi security forces.

The training mission is a joint operation with Australia, which has about 300 troops stationed at Taji.



In this May 17, 2019, file photo, New Zealand's Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern speaks during a joint press conference at the Istana or presidential palace in Singapore.

Associated Press

New Zealand's Defense Minister Ron Mark said Australia also planned to downsize its presence in Iraq, although he didn't offer any details. Australia had not made any formal announcements about its plans by Monday afternoon. New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said it would reduce the number of troops to 75 by July and then to 45 by January before they were all withdrawn. "I think they have done an incredible job, but their job is coming to an end," she said. "And

now it's time to bring them home and look at the contribution our defense force can make elsewhere."

Mark said that New Zealand would downsize alongside Australia and that both countries were working on "exiting and having an exit plan." But when pressed, he declined to offer more details. Ardern said it was not up to New Zealand to announce Australia's long-term plans in Iraq, but she added that Australia had been kept informed of New Zealand's decision and was supportive. □

Stern words from Iran: US cannot 'expect to stay safe'

By **AMIR VAHDAT**
JON GAMBRELL

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's foreign minister warned the U.S. on Monday that it "cannot expect to stay safe" after launching what he described as an economic war against Tehran, taking a hard-line stance amid a visit by Germany's top diplomat seeking to defuse tensions.

A stern-faced Mohammad Javad Zarif offered a series of threats over the ongoing tensions gripping the Persian Gulf. The crisis takes root in President Donald Trump's decision over a year ago to withdraw America from Iran's 2015 nuclear deal with world powers. Trump also reinstated tough sanctions on Iran, targeting its oil sector.

"Mr. Trump himself has announced that the U.S. has launched an economic war against Iran," Zarif said. "The only solution for reducing tensions in this region is stopping that economic war."

Zarif also warned: "Whoever starts a war with us will not be the one who finishes it."

Zarif's ramped up rhetoric marked a sharp departure for the U.S.-educated diplomat and signals that Iran is taking a harder line toward the West. His public threats, which came during a joint news conference with German Foreign Min-



Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, right, and his German counterpart Heiko Maas give a press conference after their talks, in Tehran, Iran, Monday, June 10, 2019.

ister Heiko Maas, were striking because Zarif was the one who helped secure the nuclear deal, alongside the relatively moderate President Hassan Rouhani. However, he does not make the decision on whether to go to war. That is left to the supreme leader.

For his part, Maas insisted his country and other European nations want to find a way to salvage the deal, which saw Iran limit its enrichment of uranium in exchange for the lifting of economic sanctions. But he acknowledged there were limits.

"We won't be able to do miracles, but we are trying

as best as we can to do prevent its failure," Maas said. However, Europe has yet to be able to offer Iran a way to get around the newly imposed U.S. sanctions. Meanwhile, a July 7 deadline — imposed by Iran — looms for Europe to find a way to save the unraveling deal. Otherwise, Iran has warned it will resume enriching uranium closer to weapons-grade levels. Zarif's comments came after Maas spoke about Israel, an archenemy of Iran's government. "Israel's right to exist is part of Germany's founding principle and is completely non-negotiable," Maas said. "It

is a result of our history and it's irrevocable and doesn't just change because I am currently in Tehran."

Zarif then grew visibly angry, offering a list of Middle East problems ranging from al-Qaida to the bombing of Yemeni civilians he blamed on the U.S. and its allies, namely Saudi Arabia.

"If one seeks to talk about instability in this region, those are the other parties who should be held responsible," Zarif said.

Zarif's sharp tone likely comes from Iran's growing frustration with Europe, as well as the ever-tightening American sanctions targeting the country. Iran's na-

tional currency, the rial, is currently trading at nearly 130,000 to \$1. It had been 32,000 to the dollar at the time of the 2015 deal. That has wiped away people's earnings, as well as driven up prices on nearly every good in the country.

European nations had pledged to create a mechanism called INSTEX, which would allow Iran to continue to trade for humanitarian goods despite American sanctions. However, that program has yet to really take off, something Iran's foreign ministry spokesman noted before Zarif and Maas spoke to reporters.

"We haven't put much hope in INSTEX," spokesman Abbas Mousavi said, according to Iranian state television. "If INSTEX was going to help us, it would have done so already." Maas later met Rouhani as well.

"We expect Europe to stand up to the United States' economic terrorism against the Iranian nation, living up to its commitments under the deal," Rouhani told him, according to a statement.

Trump, in withdrawing from the deal, pointed that the accord had not limited Iran's ballistic missile program, or addressed what American officials describe as Tehran's malign influence across the wider Middle East. □

Kazakhstan: Tokayev named winner of presidency amid protests

Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — An ally of Kazakhstan's former president was named winner of the presidential election on Monday in a vote marred by a police crackdown on protesters who criticized the result as an orchestrated handover of power.

The Central Election Commission in the Central Asian country said final results showed Kassym-Jomart Tokayev won nearly 71 percent of the vote in Sunday's balloting.

Tokayev became acting president when Nursultan Nazarbayev, who had led



Kazakh police block an area to prevent protests against presidential elections in Nur-Sultan, the capital city of Kazakhstan, on Monday June 10, 2019.

the country since its independence from the Soviet Union in 1991, abruptly

stepped down. Shortly after Nazarbayev resigned, Kazakhstan's ruling party

nominated Tokayev for presidency. Some 500 people were taken into custody after police broke up rallies in Kazakhstan's two largest cities Sunday. Protests erupted again on Monday with people rallying in the capital Nur-Sultan, named after the former president, and the commercial capital Almaty.

An Associated Press photographer saw at least 100 people detained by police on a central square in Almaty on Monday morning. The observers' mission of the Organization for Cooperation and Security in Eu-

rope on Monday criticized Kazakh authorities for dispersing the rallies.

The OSCE said in a statement the police response "hampered the conduct of democratic elections."

"While there was potential for Kazakhstan's early presidential election to become a force for political change, a lack of regard for fundamental rights, including detentions of peaceful protesters, and widespread voting irregularities on election day, showed scant respect for democratic standards," the statement said. □

Associated Press Assailants raid village in Mali, killing at least 95 people

By **BABA AHMED**

Associated Press

BAMAKO, Mali (AP) — Assailants raided a central Mali village early Monday, killing at least 95 people in the latest massacre in a growing ethnic conflict that has been enflamed by Islamic extremists, government officials said.

Nineteen people were missing after the ethnic Dogon village of Sobame Da was attacked around 3 a.m., said Interior Security Ministry spokesman Amadou Sangho. Homes were burned and animals slaughtered, the government said.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility, though tensions have been high since a Dogon militia was accused of carrying out a massacre in an ethnic Peuhl village in March that left at least 157 dead. It was the conflict's deadliest attack yet.

The killings highlight the Malian security forces' inability to contain the spreading violence, which has been blamed on extremist fighters linked to the Islamic State organization and al-Qaida and the growing danger of frightened communities arming themselves.

Mali has long battled Islam-



In this 10 April, 2019 file photo, a map of Central Mali is shown.

ic extremism in its far north, with a French-led military intervention dispersing jihadists from the region's major towns. The extremists have infiltrated communities much further south in recent years, stoking animosity between ethnic groups in the region with a much larger population. Some Peuhl leaders had vowed to carry out reprisals for the March bloodshed. A Dogon militia known as Dan Na Ambassagou was blamed for the attack. Militia leader Youssouf Toloba has denied his fighters were involved.

Mali's president has vowed

to extinguish the militia. The massacre in March in Ogosagou led some once-demobilized fighters to take up arms again.

On Monday a prominent group representing the Peuhl community, Tabital Pulaaku, issued a statement blaming the "cycle of violence" on the absence of state authority and impunity for perpetrators of attacks.

"The insecurity and the large-scale massacres exploited by terrorist groups are the seeds of a total and lasting destabilization of the region," the statement said.

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The Peuhl are accused of working alongside jihadists from the Islamic State of Greater Sahara organization to attack Dogon villages and prevent people from cultivating their land. In turn, the Peuhl have alleged that the Dogons are collaborating with Mali's military, though there is no conclusive sign of state support. The groups have not been evenly matched. Human Rights Watch says the Dan Na Ambassagou militia has been behind violence that resulted in much higher death tolls, in part because the group has more sophisticated weapons. The latest massacre is a reminder that the conflict has no easily defined good or bad sides, the head of the United Nations peacekeeping mission, Mahamat Saleh Annadif, said in a statement. "Everyone is responsible," he said.

The violence in central Mali is characterized by killings, disappearances and the burning of villages "on an appalling scale," Amnesty International said Monday. The U.N. Security Council plans to meet this month on Mali to discuss the renewal of what has become the world's deadliest active U.N. peacekeeping mission

and whether it should focus on the protection of civilians, the rights group added. Rural bands of hunters have "become paramilitary groups," arguing that they need to defend their communities if Malian security forces cannot, Jean-Herve Jezequel with the International Crisis Group wrote after the March massacre.

The tensions arose several years ago over issues such as land use, he added.

"The availability of weapons of war and the pretext of fighting jihadist groups have opened the floodgates to a level of ethnic-based violence that is without precedent in the region," he said.

The victims have included women and young children, and observers say hundreds of civilians were killed last year alone.

In a report late last month, the U.N. secretary-general said Mali's government must address the arming of ethnic self-defense groups and the proliferation of arms in central Mali or "there is a high risk of further escalation."

The unrest in central Mali has displaced some 60,000 people, Secretary-General Antonio Guterres wrote. □

Indian court jails 3 for life in rape case in Kashmir

By **AIJAZ HUSSAIN**

Associated Press

SRINAGAR, India (AP) — A court on Monday sentenced three Hindu men, including a police officer, to life imprisonment for kidnapping, raping and murdering an 8-year-old Muslim girl in Indian-controlled Kashmir, in a case that has exacerbated tensions in the disputed region.

Judge Tejwinder Singh sentenced three other policemen to five years in prison for destroying evidence, prosecutor Santokh Singh told reporters. The judge acquitted another defendant due to insufficient evidence. An eighth suspect, a minor, will be tried separately by a juvenile court, Santokh Singh said.

The girl, who was a mem-



In this April 14, 2018 file photo, Kashmiri activists hold torches and march in a protest against the rape and murder of an 8-year-old girl, in Srinagar, Indian controlled Kashmir.

Associated Press

ber of a nomadic tribe, was grazing her family's ponies in the forests of the Himalayan foothills when she was kidnapped in January 2018. Her mutilated body was found in the woods a

week later.

The case sparked protests across Kashmir, a Muslim-majority region where rebels have been fighting for years for independence or unification with Pakistan

and there is great distrust of the government.

Singh said prosecutors plan to appeal to a higher court and seek the death penalty for the three defendants who received life sentences. Thousands of members of a radical Hindu group had demanded the release of the defendants, insisting they were innocent. The trial was shifted to Pathankot, a town in neighboring Punjab state, following accusations that local Hindu leaders and politicians were trying to block the investigation.

The prosecution said the girl was raped in a small village temple in Kathua district after having been kept sedated for four days, and was then bludgeoned to death. The girl's father, Mo-

ammed Akhtar, told The Associated Press by phone that the men should be "punished speedily, not just convicted."

"Our family has gone through hell," he said. "Our hearts are bleeding. These beasts should be hanged." India has been shaken by a series of sexual assaults in recent years, including the gang rape and murder of a student on a New Delhi bus in 2012. That attack galvanized a country where widespread violence against women had long been quietly accepted.

While the government has passed a series of laws increasing punishment for rape, it's rare for more than a few weeks to pass without another brutal sexual assault being reported. □

Central Americans pursue US dream despite Mexico crackdown

By SONIA PEREZ

Associated Press

SAN MARCOS, Guatemala (AP) — A near-death experience in the Arizona desert a year ago won't deter Francisco Pérez from another attempt to migrate to the U.S., nor will an increased police presence in southern Mexico.

The 23-year-old Guatemalan teacher and auto mechanic hopes to set out again soon to repay the \$7,000 he owes from his first trip, when he and two other young men got lost for a week in the desert before being rescued by the U.S. border patrol.

On the seventh day, facing severe dehydration, the group resorted to drinking their own urine. "Each of us urinated in a bottle and then strained it with the corner of our pants," said Perez, rubbing his hands together as he recalled the day he thought would be his last.

Perez spent two days in a U.S. hospital before being returned to Guatemala. During his short stay in Arizona, though, he caught a glimpse of houses with manicured lawns, orderly roads and fancy stores. Those images are like a siren's song, calling him to what he believes would be a better life.

Before setting out for the U.S., he earned \$100 a month as a teacher and had a girlfriend. Now she is with somebody else and he's helping out in his father's auto repair shop in his hometown of San Marcos, just a few miles from the border with Mexico.



In this June 8, 2019, photo, people wait for a bus at the terminal in San Marcos, Guatemala.

Associated Press

"In the end I lost everything," Perez said.

Mexico has promised to deploy 6,000 National Guard troops to its southern border on Monday to deter Central Americans from trekking toward the American dream. About 1 percent of Guatemala's population of some 16 million people have left the country this year, part of a wave of Central Americans fleeing poverty, violence and drought. U.S. Border Patrol agents apprehended 132,887 migrants in May, the highest monthly figure in more than a decade. Many Central American migrants in recent months have been requesting asylum. Mexico has accepted more than 10,000 U.S. asylum seekers since January under a program that requires migrants to wait in Mexico while their cases wind through U.S.

courts. Thousands of Central Americans have also applied for asylum to start new lives in Mexico.

On Friday, Mexican officials vowed to step up migration enforcement to avoid U.S. tariffs on all Mexican imports. Increased enforcement could mean more inspections of buses, raids on hotels and arrests to disrupt people-smuggling networks. Last week, Mexico arrested two migration activists and froze the accounts of more than two dozen people alleged to have organized caravans. "We are really in front of a humanitarian tragedy," Mexico's ambassador to the U.S., Martha Bárcena, told CBS News' Face the Nation on Sunday.

Most Central American migrants come from rural areas, Bárcena noted, suggesting that Mexico and the U.S. should work to-

gether to address the root causes of migration rather than just enforcement.

Not far from San Marcos, in the mountain hamlet of La Unión Los Mendoza, about one in three people has migrated, according to community leader Genaro Méndez. The rural town of 600 families has dirt roads that turn to mud during the rainy season. Most of its residents subsist on beans, corn and other food that they can grow. Most homes lack running water.

Méndez himself spent 18 years working in the U.S. as an electrician. He decided to remain in San Marcos after he was deported for a second time, in 2016.

Now, young men from this indigenous Mam community come to the 43-year-old Méndez for advice on how to make it up north.

"The laws are a little hard" in the U.S., he tells them.

"They don't receive you well."

And the journey itself is wrought with perils. "It's not, grab your backpack and go," Mendez warns.

Two Honduran migrants told The Associated Press on Sunday that they were robbed by Mexican officials of the little cash they had while on a bridge between Guatemala and Mexico. The migrants jumped into the Suchiate River to flee from the officials, who they said confiscated their identification documents, beat them and asked them for bribes to pass into Mexico.

"There's tremendous corruption here," said one of the men, Jose Romero, fighting back tears. "It's sad to see all the Central American countries, instead of being united and helping us, they take the little that we have." Romero said his hometown of San Pedro Sula has become too violent and that work there is scarce. He said he'd take asylum from Mexico or any other country willing to offer him refuge.

"We're honest, clean people, determined to work," Romero said.

Back in Pérez's hometown of San Marcos, there are restaurants, schools, stores and a picturesque central plaza rimmed by misty mountains. But the money he can earn there, he said, would be barely enough to get by. Grinding poverty sends many in Guatemala in search of higher incomes in the U.S. Pérez's own father lived in the U.S. for nine years before being deported. □



A protester yells anti-government slogans in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Sunday, June 9, 2019.

Associated Press

Strike paralyzes Haiti, protesters demand president's ouster

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

— Opposition leaders in Haiti have launched a two-day strike that has paralyzed the country's capital as protesters demand the resignation of President Jovenel Moïse amid corruption allegations. Schools, businesses and government offices were

shuttered on Monday as groups of protesters blocked roads and set piles of tires ablaze across Port-au-Prince. Some protesters burned cars belonging to a local radio station and accused the news media of working for the government. Public transportation was suspended, and officials postponed a Parliament session. The strike comes one day after thousands of protesters clashed with police, with two people reported killed and five injured. Protesters demanding further investigation into the fate of funds that resulted from subsidized oil shipments from Venezuela under the Petrocaribe program. □

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The Bay at Savaneta II

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There are many documents that refer to Savaneta as a place to throw anchor, were you could get to shore using a small boat. There was a small beach where a native chief, ruler over a village, assisted by his lieutenants from the surrounding area resided. It was precisely the reason that the Spaniards befriended the Amerindian, in order to start a settlement there.



Pic. 1. and 2. Willen Janz and his ship the Duyfken

From documents as such we obtained the following information, that as early as 1727 this spot bore the official name of Commanders ' Harbour, or Comanduers Baai and that the Dutch commander had his dwelling-house in the neighbourhood where the chief used to have his larger communal house and his personal Bohio or smaller house. So the only logical explanation is that the bay was thus called simply because of the Commander resided there, to distinguish it from Horses' Bay, where the horses were disembarked, and from the Bay of Westpunt an other settlement in the vicinity of Noord, where the other Indians lived.

Despite the fact that the name of the commander in question is not mentioned in the 1727 document, he should have been no other than Willem Jansz, who appears from official records, was commander from 1714 to 1739. But it is not sure if there were more than one Willem Janz or Janszoon. Continuing our story. After the peace of 1648 the activities of the Dutch concentrate more than ever on Curacao. Bonaire's importance as well is decreasing. Contacts between Aruba and Curacao were scarce. The company bothered little about Aruba, but that there was some communication after all, is proved by the presence of a company ship off Aruba in 1659.



Pic. 3. The dispeacable Henry Morgan and Thomas Modyford

Each week we share the most interesting and revealing articles regarding Aruba, a destination to be explored, we can find, and so doing uncover amazing and informative stories along the way.



Pic. 4. Alexander O. Exquemelin

There is a valuable description extant of Aruban life about the middle of the seventeenth century. The pirate Henry Morgan, the later lieutenant-governor of Jamaica, was commissioned in 1668 by Sir Thomas Modyford, governor of that island, to cruise against the Spaniards so as to obtain intelligence about a Spanish attack on Jamaica. Morgan acted like a true buccaneer. He took Puerto Principe and Porto Bello.

One of his pirate endeavours as many was recorded by, A.O. Exquemelin, in the adventures of this voyage to Aruba on record. To this story we owe our principal information concerning life on Aruba in the second part of the seventeenth century. "Morgan put to sea and laid his course for the island of Curacao: having this in sight he proceeded to leeward, to Ruba, which is an island about twelve miles from the westerly point of Curacao, and belongs to the West India Company of Dutch, who appoint a sergeant there as governor with fifteen soldiers. Further the island is inhabited by Indians speaking Spanish and Caquetio, and who, as to religion, are subordinate to the Spaniards; every year a Spanish priest comes there, from a village opposite it on the Main-

land, named Coro, who preaches to them, and administers the Sacraments in the Roman fashion.

These native arubans traded with the robbers who arrived at their costs and exchanged sheeps, goats, horses corn, beans, manioc, pumpkins and peanuts for linen, yarn, tools, weapons or something else that they needed. Aruban natives also provided their brothers with items not available on the mainland at the Spanish colonies from time to time. The island is not fertile, but very barren, and mostly overgrown with

Brushwood. There is a great quantity of sheep and goats, which the inhabitants use for their sustenance together with Spanish wheat, which they sow there. There are also many horses, which the inhabitants use, for whatever they do on horseback, even though they go but five hundred yards from their houses to fetch water. Many rattlesnakes and spiders which are very venomous lived here and whenever someone is bit by this vermin he is put tied up in a hammock, remaining in it for twenty-four hours without food and drink. The inhabitants affirm that when a man is bit by these beast he must abstain from drinking, or he will die. □



Pic. 6. Native o horse back

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This will be the 3rd edition of Rose All Day offering great music, delectable food, and of course, plenty of rosé and rosé champagne. There will be plenty of wine but there certainly aren't many tickets! Early bird tickets are on SALE till June 30th for just \$30 per person. Price

includes boat ride to Renaissance Island, admission to event, \$10 wine credit, goody bag and live musical entertainment. After the prices will go up to \$40 per person.

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American Airlines launches new service between Aruba and New York



ORANJESTAD – Aruba Airport Authority N.V. (AAA) was pleased to welcome American's newly launched Saturday service between Queen Beatrix International Airport (AUA) in Aruba and La Guardia Airport (LGA) in Queens, New York.

Present from American at AUA's ribbon cutting ceremony was Mr. Nelson Cortes (station manager), as well as local government and airport authorities, including Aruba's Minister of Tourism Mr. Dangui Oduber, AAA CEO Mr. James Fazio, Aruba Tourism Authority CEO (ATA) Mrs. Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes and Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association (AHATA) president and CEO Mrs. Tisa LaSorte.

"Our Caribbean footprint is a point of pride for our airline, as the lead-



ing airline in the region with service to 38 destinations and counting," said Alfredo Gonzalez, American's Managing Director for the Caribbean. "Last December we continued to grow our footprint in Aruba, with new service from Dallas/Fort

Worth and from Chicago, and with today's addition we open up Aruba to one of the most important markets in the U.S., New York, further strengthening Aruba as a tourist destination." American's new Aruba service operates on Satur-

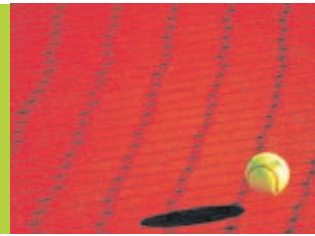
days with a Boeing 737-800 aircraft, featuring 16 seats in First Class and 144 seats in the Main Cabin. The LGA flight departs from LGA at 8:30 am and arrives at 1:14 pm in Aruba. Passengers departing from Aruba leave at 2:10 pm and arrive in LGA at 7:00 pm.

"American Airlines is a revered partner to our destination, and as increased airlift operations are crucial for Aruba's tourism growth and continued success, this new flight service further integrates our tourism sector in a key feeder market of New York City," said Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes, CEO of Aruba Tourism Authority. "With this additional flight service, we look forward to welcoming new and returning visitors to our One Happy Island." The airline has a strong presence in the Caribbean with more than 900 weekly flights during the high season to 38 destinations. Currently American operates year-round service from Aruba to Charlotte, Dallas/Fort Worth, Philadelphia, Miami and New York and seasonal service from Chicago.

"We welcome the LGA flight with open arms," said AAA CEO Mr. James Fazio. "American Airlines has been a very loyal partner to AUA for years and the addition of a 6th direct/non-stop service further demonstrates their continued confidence in the Aruba market. New York is a very popular destination for locals and Aruba is a very popular destination for New Yorkers, that's truly a win-win situation for both markets. It's important to mention that this flight is possible thanks to our US Pre-Clearance facility at the airport, seeing that La Guardia Airport doesn't have their own immigration facility. We are thankful to American Airlines, the Aruba Government, ATA and our staff for making this flight a reality for our passengers!" □



SPORTS



In this April 29, 2016, file photo, Boston Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz celebrates his two-run home run against the New York Yankees during the eighth inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park, in Boston.

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David Ortiz flown to Boston after being shot in a bar

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SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — David Ortiz was flown to Boston for more medical care Monday after the former Red Sox slugger affectionately known as Big Papi was ambushed by a gunman at a bar in his native Dominican Republic, authorities said. The 43-year-old retired athlete had been in stable condition in intensive care at a Santo Domingo hospital after doctors removed his gallbladder and part of his intestine, according to his spokesman, Leo López. He said Ortiz's liver was also damaged in the shooting Sunday night.

Ortiz is one of the most beloved figures in sports history in the Dominican Republic and Boston, a fearsome power hitter with a ready smile.

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BIG, BAD BRUINS

Boston forces a Cup Final Game 7 vs. St. Louis

St. Louis Blues center Ryan O'Reilly (90) falls between Boston Bruins defenseman John Moore (27) and goaltender Tuukka Rask (40), of Finland, during the second period of Game 6 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Final Sunday, June 9, 2019, in St. Louis.

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Australia's Ashleigh Barty poses with the trophy during a photo call at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Sunday, June 9, 2019.

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French Open champ Barty up to career-best No. 2 in rankings

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**
AP Tennis Writer

PARIS (AP) — French Open champion Ash Barty's first Grand Slam title allowed her to rise to a career-best No. 2 on Monday, almost three years to the day after she re-entered the WTA rankings following a hiatus from tennis while she played professional cricket. Barty moved up six places and now trails only reigning U.S. Open and Australian Open champion Naomi Osaka.

"New ground for me. New experiences, new feelings. A goal of mine this year was to try and crack the top 10. And we were able to do that," said Barty, a 23-year-old Australian who ended last season at No. 15.

"And then it was chipping away, trying to get top five. It's all happened pretty quickly over the last two weeks. But we're trying to take it in our stride and obviously we'll have a couple of quiet days now to relax, to enjoy, to celebrate. And then set new goals."

She never had been past the fourth round at a major tournament until getting to the Australian Open quarterfinals in January.

She beat 19-year-old Mar-

keta Vondrousova of the Czech Republic 6-1, 6-3 in Saturday's final at Roland Garros.

Barty took about a 1½-year break from tennis after the 2014 U.S. Open, saying she needed time away from the pressures and rigors of life on the tour.

She returned to competition in 2016, and on June 8 of that year, she moved back into the rankings at No. 623.

Look at her now, so close to No. 1.

"That's kind of the next point, the next goal, the next situation I could see myself in," Barty said about the idea of trying to overtake Osaka for the top spot. "But being No. 2 in the world's incredible. It's something I never dreamed of as a child and obviously we'll keep chipping away and try our best to get to No. 1."

Runner-up Vondrousova's run to her first Grand Slam final helped her get from No. 38 to No. 16 on Monday.

Semifinalist Amanda Anisimova, a 17-year-old American, also made quite a jump, going from No. 51 to No. 26.

The player Anisimova up-

set in the quarterfinals, defending champion Simona Halep, dropped from No. 3 to No. 8. She used to be ranked No. 1.

Another former top-ranked player and past French Open champion, Garbine Muguruza, fell six places to No. 25.

The top eight spots in the ATP rankings stayed the same, with French Open champion Rafael Nadal at No. 2, behind Novak Djokovic. Roger Federer is still at No. 3, and Roland Garros runner-up Dominic Thiem is No. 4.

This was the first time since the 2012 Australian Open that the top four men in the rankings all reached the semifinals at a tournament. Karen Khachanov, a quarterfinalist in Paris, cracked the top 10 for the first time, rising two spots to No. 9, with Fabio Fognini at No. 10.

Top U.S. man John Isner, who missed the French Open with a foot injury, dropped out of the top 10 to No. 11.

Three-time major champion Stan Wawrinka's run to his first Grand Slam quarterfinal in two years after knee surgery boosted him nine places to No. 19. □

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga strikes 13 aces on Stuttgart Open debut



Jo-Wilfried Tsonga serves the ball to Mischa Zverev during their first round match at the ATP tennis tournament in Stuttgart, Germany, Monday, June 10, 2019. (Sila

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STUTTGART, Germany (AP)

— Jo-Wilfried Tsonga powered past 2017 semifinalist Mischa Zverev 6-3, 6-0 before rain brought an early end to play at the Stuttgart Open on Monday. Tsonga struck 13 aces as he wrapped up his debut at the grass-court tournament in under an hour to set up a second-round meeting with the sixth-seeded Milos Raonic or Australian qualifier Alexei Popyrin. Raonic, who lost last year's final to Roger Federer, is one of three seeded Canadians, alongside Felix Auger-Aliassime and Denis Shapovalov. Raonic is making his comeback after

missing the clay-court season with a right knee injury. Shapovalov was due to play Germany's Jan-Lennard Struff but their match was put back to Tuesday due to the rain. Earlier, Miomir Kecmanovic rallied to beat German veteran Philipp Kohlschreiber 4-6, 7-5, 6-3. The 19-year-old Serb will next play Shapovalov or Struff. Among Tuesday's other scheduled matches, it's the fifth-seeded Gael Monfils vs. American Steve Johnson, Auger-Aliassime vs. Ernests Gulbis, and Matteo Berrettini vs. Nick Kyrgios. The Stuttgart Open made the switch from clay to grass in 2015. □

Sharapova to return at Mallorca Open after shoulder injury

MADRID (AP) — Maria Sharapova will return to tennis at next week's Mallorca Open after being sidelined with a right shoulder injury since January. The Mallorca Open says the former No. 1 has accepted a wild-card invitation. The 32-year-old Sharapova hasn't played since her ailing shoulder forced her to withdraw from the St. Petersburg Open in January. In February, she underwent

what she called a "small procedure" in hopes of dealing with the issue that had been causing her pain since last year.

Sharapova will be joined by 17-year-old Amanda Anisimova, who eliminated defending champion Simona Halep at the French Open and reached the semifinals. The Mallorca Open is run by Toni Nadal, uncle and former coach of Rafael Nadal. □

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Tony Parker says he's retiring from NBA after 18 seasons

By STEVE REED
AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Four-time NBA champion Tony Parker announced Monday he's retiring after 18 seasons.

The 37-year-old guard said on Twitter it was an emotional decision. Parker played 17 seasons for the San Antonio Spurs and made the postseason every year of his career before joining the Hornets last season and missing the playoffs. He was selected to the All-Star team six times and was named second-team All-NBA three times. "It's with a lot of emotion that I retire from basketball, it was an incredible journey!" Parker tweeted. "Even in my wildest dreams, I never thought I would live all those unbelievable moments with the NBA and the French National Team. Thank you for everything!" Parker started 1,151 games regular season games and



In this Jan. 14, 2019, file photo, Charlotte Hornets' Tony Parker laughs on the bench during the second half of an NBA basketball game against the San Antonio Spurs, in San Antonio.

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averaged 15.5 points and 5.6 assists per game. He also played in 226 playoffs games, averaging 17.9 points and 5.1 assists per game.

He won NBA titles with the Spurs in 2003, 2005, 2007 and 2014. He was named NBA Finals MVP in 2007.

Parker had one year left on his contract with the Hornets, but was not a major part of Charlotte's rotation late last season.

Hornets general manager Mitch Kupchak congratulated Parker on a "remarkable career" in a release.

"His impact on the game of basketball and the path he laid out for international stars have no equal," Kupchak said. "I'm grateful for the year he spent with us here in Charlotte and we wish him the best as he moves on to the next chapter of his life."

Hornets coach James Borrego said Parker is a Hall of Famer.

"I have never known the NBA without Tony as a part of it and I'll truly miss him," Borrego said. "Tony's leadership, his presence and his dedication to winning made an impact on shaping me and I'll always be appreciative of him. I know our organization in Charlotte is grateful for what he brought to us in our year together. I wish him nothing but the best as he moves on to retirement."

A member of the French National team, Parker was the FIBA Europe Player of the year in 2013 and 2014 and the league's top scorer in 2011 and 2013. □

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Bruins force Stanley Cup Game 7 with 5-1 win over Blues

By **JAY COHEN**
AP Sports Writer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Facing elimination in an oh-so-hostile environment, Tuukka Rask and Brad Marchand stepped up for the Boston Bruins once again.

The Stanley Cup Final is heading to Game 7 because two of Boston's biggest stars love the biggest moments.

Rask made 28 saves, Marchand had a goal and an assist, and the Bruins beat the St. Louis Blues 5-1 on Sunday night to even the bruising, physical final at three games apiece.

David Pastrnak had one of Boston's four goals in the third period and an assist, helping the Bruins force the 17th Game 7 in Stanley Cup history. Brandon Carlo, Karson Kuhlman and Zdeno Chara also scored.

"We're fighting for our lives obviously," Marchand said. "When you play desperate, I think you see everyone's best game."

Boston also was involved in the final's last Game 7, winning the championship at Vancouver in 2011. Rask was a reserve goaltender on that team eight years ago, while Marchand was a key performer. They will go for another championship Wednesday night in Boston after losing to Chicago in the 2013 final.

"The whole hockey world loves a Game 7, so it should be a great night in Boston and may the best team win," Bruins coach Bruce Cassidy said.

Ryan O'Reilly scored in the third period for St. Louis, which is looking for the fran-

chise's first Stanley Cup title in its 51st season. Rookie Jordan Binnington finished

Of course, the unflappable Rask can have that effect on a team. And whenever

the second. He got some help after Marchand was whistled for tripping Alex Pi-

netter in Boston's 4-2 victory in Game 1. The Bruins improved to 25-1 when the pesky veteran scores in the postseason.

"We knew that again the start was going to be key and that they were going to give us a push early and to manage that and play well and take care of details and obviously capitalize on our chances," Boston center Patrice Bergeron said. Marchand and company then put it away in the third.

First, Jake DeBrusk won a board battle with Pietrangelo to set up Carlo's bouncing shot that went off Binnington's arm for the defenseman's second career playoff goal. Then Kuhlman, a rookie who was in the lineup in place of former Blues captain David Backes, made it 3-0 with a well-placed wrist shot at 10:15. After O'Reilly supplied some hope for St. Louis when he was awarded a goal after a review by the officials, Marchand found Pastrnak in front and the winger put a slick move on Binnington to make it 4-1 on 14:06.

Chara, playing with a broken jaw, added an empty-netter with 2:19 left. The crowd chanted "Let's Go Blues!" in the final moments, hoping to give St. Louis a boost for its trip to Boston.

"Listen, if you told me four months ago we were going to be in the finals in Game 7, I think I'd take it," Blues coach Craig Berube said. "We've been a good road team. We've won twice up there in this series, so we're a confident group." □



Boston Bruins center Noel Acciari (55) rounds the net against St. Louis Blues goaltender Jordan Binnington (50) during the third period of Game 6 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Final Sunday, June 9, 2019, in St. Louis.

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with 27 stops. "We have to move on, get ready for the next one," O'Reilly said. "We're confident. We're a great road team. Maybe that's our story. Maybe we have to get it done on the road."

Backed by an electric Enterprise Center crowd that included actors Jon Hamm and Jenna Fischer and Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina, wearing a No. 49 Blues jersey in honor of suspended forward Ivan Barbashev, St. Louis looked a step off for most of the game. Prime scoring opportunities were derailed by misplaced passes or ever-so-slight timing issues.

the Blues threatened, the 6-foot-3 Finnish star was there.

"He's our best player," Bruins defenseman Charlie McAvoy said. "He just steps up when it matters and we have all the faith in the world in him. ... He's our rock."

Rask was at his best while Boston killed off four power plays, dropping St. Louis to 1 for 18 with the man advantage for the series. He smothered a big Colton Parayko slap shot with Chara in the box near the end of the first period, and made a fancy glove stop on an even-strength try for Brayden Schenn 7:42 in

etrangelo midway through the second. With the Blues applying heavy pressure in search of the tying goal, Pietrangelo had a backhand go off the left post and Rask's back before McAvoy knocked the puck out of the way out of midair.

"We weathered the storm pretty good," Rask said.

While St. Louis came up empty on the power play, Boston used a 5-on-3 advantage to jump in front in the first. With Schenn and O'Reilly in the box, Marchand beat Binnington with a sharp-angled shot from the right circle at 8:40.

It was Marchand's first goal since he got an empty-



Lexi Thompson celebrates with the trophy after winning the LPGA Classic golf tournament, Sunday, June 9, 2019, in Galloway, NJ.
Associated Press

Thompson rallies for 2-stroke win at ShopRite LPGA Classic

GALLOWAY, N.J. (AP) — After 3-putting from off the green on the 15th hole to fall two shots off the lead in the final round of the ShopRite LPGA Classic, Lexi Thompson made it a point not to stress out over it.

The calm demeanor paid off as Thompson finished birdie-par-eagle on her last three holes Sunday, and made a 20-foot putt for the eagle at the 18th to win the \$1.75 million event on the Bay Course at Seaview by one stroke over Jeongeun Lee6.

"I just really tried to find the positives in it because I knew coming in there were birdie holes," Thompson said. "If I let it affect me, I wouldn't have finished the way I did. At that point I didn't know where I was, position-wise. I kind of thought I was behind for sure. A few back."

Playing in winds that blew steadily from 20 to 30 miles per hour, Thompson had a 4-under-par 67 for a 54-hole score of 12-under 201. She posted her 11th career LPGA Tour victory — first since last year's season-ending CME Group Tour Championship. It extended her streak to seven straight years with at least one win on the tour.

Thompson, who made her professional debut in this event in 2010 at the age of 15, set up her eagle at the 18th by needing to hit a 190-yard second shot with the wind at her back, to get it to the front of the green.

"With a jumper lie and the wind, I ended up hitting a pitching wedge, which is my 135 club," she said. "It ended up landing 50 yards short and rolling up there."

On the putt, she said, "I got chills, like my hair on my arms was sticking up once I made it."

Lee6, the champion of last week's U.S. Women's Open who was playing two groups behind Thompson, lost her lead with three consecutive bogeys from holes 13 through 15 before bouncing back with a birdie at No. 16 to tie Thompson.

However, needing an eagle to force a playoff after reaching the green in two, she just missed a 45-foot putt to tie and had to settle for a birdie, giving her a 70 and second place at 202.

"The way I'm playing the ShopRite tournament, it's amazing, and I'm pretty satisfied with finishing in second place," Lee6 said through an interpreter.

Ally McDonald, seeking her first career LPGA Tour victory, challenged on the back nine and took third place at 204 following a 70. Two-time ShopRite LPGA champion Anna Nordqvist had a 69 for fourth place at 206.

Mariah Stackhouse, who began the day one stroke off the lead, fell back with a double bogey at the fifth hole and couldn't come back. Her round of 74 left her in a three-way tie for fifth at 207 with Ariya Jutanugarn (68) and Yu Liu (72). □



Joey Logano stands with the trophy after winning a NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Michigan International Speedway, Monday, June 10, 2019, in Brooklyn, Mich.
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Logano edges Kurt Busch, Martin Truex in overtime

By **NOAH TRISTER**

AP Sports Writer

BROOKLYN, Mich. (AP) —

Joey Logano won the pole in qualifying and then led for more than three-quarters of the actual race.

It was an impressive display, but all that could have gone for naught if he hadn't been sharp on one final restart. Logano won his second NASCAR Cup Series race of the season, holding off Kurt Busch and Martin Truex Jr. in overtime Monday at Michigan International Speedway. Logano was trying to hold on to a dwindling lead over Truex and Busch with five laps remaining, but around that time, Erik Jones went onto the grass, bringing out the caution flag that forced overtime.

"As the leader, you're like, 'Ohhhh.' Right?" Logano said. "But the race fan part of me is like, 'Heck yeah, this is going to be a great race for everyone to watch.'"

Logano and Truex were up front on the restart, along with Kurt and Kyle Busch, and Logano pulled ahead in his No. 22 Ford.

"He jumped the restart by over a car length," Truex said. "I don't know. I guess they don't enforce those rules anymore. We'll have to remember that for next time."

Logano, not surprisingly, had a different view.

"I was able to see it right in front of me. I hit it when I got there," Logano said. "I had a good start though, wasn't it? That was a good one. That one felt good."

NASCAR said it reviews all restarts and did not find anything problematic with this one. It was the third win in a row for Ford at MIS. This was the 100th race at Michigan for NASCAR's top series. The race was held Monday after being rained out Sunday. Logano won the first stage but had to pit toward the end of the second. Austin Dillon won that stage. It was a dominant visit to MIS for Logano, who led a track-record 163 laps in the race. The previous mark of 162 was set in 1989 by Rusty Wallace — although Logano's race was extended by the overtime. The race was scheduled for 200 laps and 400 miles. After lap 191, Logano had a lead of 1.302 seconds. Truex had cut that to 0.153 after lap 195, and Kurt Busch was right there too — but that all became moot because of the last caution.

Logano won for the 23rd time in his career and took over the points lead from Kyle Busch. Kurt Busch finished second Monday, followed by Truex, Daniel Su-

arez and Kyle Busch.

"You don't have days like that, that are so close to perfect. That doesn't happen very often in our sport," said Logano, the defending series champion. "I'm very proud of the effort that we've had really the last few weeks, from the execution side. But this time we had the speed and had the execution going along with it."

WHO'S HOT

Logano earned Team Penske's fifth Cup victory of the season. Owner Roger Penske was in Washington, where Simon Pagenaud was welcomed to the White House in recognition of his Indianapolis 500 victory. Joe Gibbs Racing has nine Cup wins this year and put two cars in the top five at Michigan: Truex and Kyle Busch.

WHO'S NOT

Clint Bowyer and Kevin Harvick, who won the two MIS races last year, remained winless this season. Bowyer was out of it after he went into the wall early in the final stage. Harvick had to pit toward the end of the first stage with a loose wheel. He worked his way back into contention but finished seventh. "We had a really fast Busch Light Ford and just made a lot of mistakes today," Harvick said. □

How Kimbrel, Keuchel can help their new teams

By **NOAH TRISTER**
AP Baseball Writer

Craig Kimbrel and Dallas Keuchel finally have jobs, and each also has a chance to affect the play-off race in the National League.

It was no surprise they both ended up with contenders. Kimbrel signed with the Chicago Cubs, Keuchel with the Atlanta Braves. If the season ended now, those teams would be in the postseason, and adding these pitchers could be the equivalent of making a major pickup at the trade deadline — only the Cubs and Braves did it sooner. Kimbrel's role with Chicago isn't hard to predict. The 31-year-old closer has 333 saves in his career, including 42 last year with the champion Red Sox. The Cubs have been without closer Brandon Morrow, who is coming off elbow surgery. They have some other relievers with closing experience in Steve Cishek, Brandon Kintzler and Pedro Strop, and even without Kimbrel, they're atop the NL Central at the moment.



Chicago Cubs President Theo Epstein, left, introduces pitcher Craig Kimbrel during a news conference at Wrigley Field, Friday, June 7, 2019 in Chicago.

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But slotting Kimbrel in as the closer could create a domino effect that makes the whole bullpen more imposing.

Keuchel joins an Atlanta team that's a game out of first place in the NL East, and he clearly could help. The Braves' three best starters — Mike Soroka, Julio Teheran and Max Fried — have been strong, but there's been a big drop-off after that. Mike Foltynewicz is 1-5 with a 5.89 ERA, and Kevin Gausman is 2-5 with a 6.15 ERA. Foltynewicz was

an All-Star last year and may have earned some patience, but Keuchel could be a substantial upgrade over Gausman.

In both these situations, the fit is clear. It's really just a question of how Kimbrel and Keuchel perform after missing over two months of the season. Kimbrel threw a bullpen session Saturday, but it's not clear when he'll be ready for major league action. Keuchel had a minor league start rained out Saturday.

Kimbrel allowed a career-

high seven homers last year, and Keuchel has never put up overpowering strikeout numbers. So there's some uncertainty, but these are two pitchers with track records that certainly suggest they can help.

WELCOME

Philadelphia traded for outfielder Jay Bruce last weekend, and he certainly made his presence felt Tuesday night, hitting a grand slam and a two-run homer in a 9-6 win over San Diego. The Phillies lost Andrew McCutchen to a knee injury, so Bruce's contributions could be crucial. In six games with Philadelphia so far, he's 8 for 21 with four home runs, two doubles, 11 RBIs and six runs.

REBOUNDED?

The Nationals dug themselves a significant hole in a tough division, but they've won 11 of 15 and are at least in the vicinity of .500 now. What they've largely done is take advantage of a favorable stretch in the schedule. Nine of those 11 wins were against the Marlins, Reds, White Sox and Padres, all of whom are at

or below .500. Washington did beat Atlanta twice in that stretch, as well.

HIGHLIGHT

This was a bit of a risk with his Texas Rangers down by three and the tying run at the plate, but Rougned Odor pulled off a straight steal of home Sunday against Oakland. He actually took off so early that pitcher Ryan Buchter stepped off the rubber and threw home, but not in time.

The Athletics still won 9-8.

Bryce Harper tried something similar Sunday but was thrown out in Philadelphia's 4-3 loss to Cincinnati.

LINE OF THE WEEK

Pedro Severino of the Orioles hit three home runs in a 12-11 victory over the Texas Rangers on Tuesday night. He also made a key play behind the plate that helped Baltimore avoid a massive collapse. The Rangers scored six runs in the ninth, but with two outs, a third strike to Elvis Andrus went to the backstop. Severino came up with the ball and threw to first just in time for the final out. □

David Ortiz

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He led the Red Sox to three World Series championships, was a 10-time All-Star and hit 541 home runs.

Dozens of fans crowded the hospital earlier Monday, causing a traffic jam. In the U.S., fans prayed for his recovery and wished him well, with New England Patriots star Julian Edelman assuring him on Instagram: "Papi, all of New England has your back."

The Red Sox offered "all available resources" and sent an air ambulance to bring him back to Boston. "He's on the Mount Rushmore of Boston sports," said Eddie Romero, the team's assistant general manager. Ortiz was at the Dial Bar and Lounge in Santo Domingo on Sunday night when a gunman approached from behind and shot him at close range in the torso, authorities said.

The gunman was not im-

mediately identified or arrested, and the motive for the shooting was under investigation, with authorities trying to determine whether Ortiz was the target.

The operator of the motorcycle that was carrying the gunman was captured and beaten by a crowd of people at the bar, authorities said.

Eliezer Salvador, who was at the scene, said the gunman said nothing, just fired once. Salvador then drove a wounded Ortiz to the hospital, telling reporters they had a brief conversation in the car as he urged the baseball great to stay calm and breathe. "Do you have any problems with anyone?" Salvador recalled asking him, to which Ortiz replied: "No, my brother, I've never wronged anyone."

Salvador held up Ortiz's bloody belongings for reporters, along with some of his jewelry. He also apolo-

gized for hitting several cars while rushing to the hospital: "That wrongdoing was justified."

Ortiz's father, Leo, said he had no idea why someone would have shot at his son. "He is resting," the elder Ortiz said. "Big Papi will be around for a long time."

He added that he is pleased with the medical attention Ortiz has received but that he will be transferred to Boston so he can be with his wife and the Red Sox medical team. Two other people were wounded, including Jhoel López, a Dominican TV host who was with Ortiz. Police believe López was wounded by the same bullet, said National Police Director Ney Aldrin Bautista Almonte. López was shot in the leg, and his injuries were not life-threatening, said his wife, Liza Blanco, who is also a TV host.

Police did not identify the third person or detail that



Boston Red Sox president Sam Kennedy, right, addresses the media during a news conference updating the status of former Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz at Fenway Park in Boston, Monday, June 10, 2019.

Associated Press

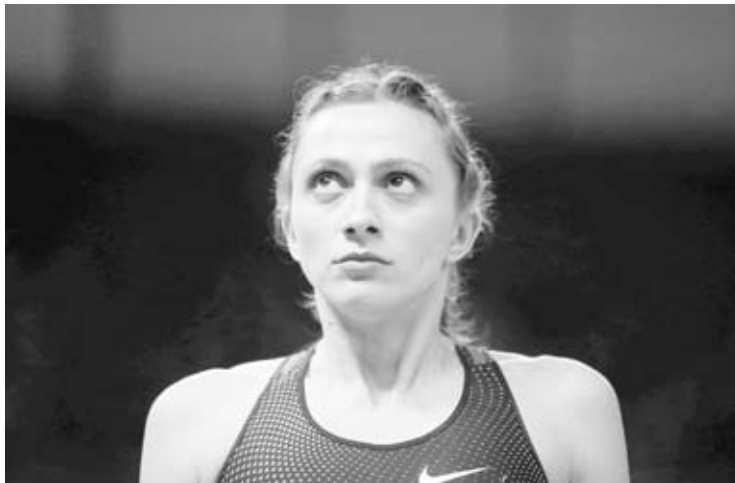
person's injuries.

The bar is in a bustling nightlife district packed with dance clubs and expensive bars that Ortiz is known to frequent.

Chicago White Sox pitcher Ivan Nova, who's from the Dominican, said the shooting rattled him.

"The way that everything is going right now back in my country, I've got to be honest, I'm not very hap-

py to say what is going on right now over there," Nova said. "A lot of times I see guys who play on my team coming to the United States to live. The dream that you have as a baseball player is to have a good career, and then go back home and spend time with your family. Now you've got to think about if DR is a safe place for you to be in. It's a tough situation." □



In this Friday, Aug. 10, 2018 file photo, Russia's Mariya Lasitskene looks on in the women's high jump final at the European Athletics Championships at the Olympic stadium in Berlin, Germany.

Associated Press

Russian athlete Lasitskene slams slow pace of doping reform

By **JAMES ELLINGWORTH**
AP Sports Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — The only Russian track athlete currently holding a world title called on the country's officials and coaches in the sport to be replaced because of the slow pace of anti-doping reforms.

High jumper Mariya Lasitskene's message — in a country where top athletes rarely speak out against officials — came shortly after Russia's ban from international athletics was prolonged on Sunday.

"I hope that the people involved in this never-ending disgrace still have the courage to leave. By themselves. And don't think I'm only talking about the management," Lasitskene wrote on Instagram.

"It's also about the current coaches who are still sure that you can't win without doping. They're long overdue for retirement. A new generation of our athletes must grow up with a different philosophy, and for any athlete, it's the coach who provides that."

Lasitskene's statement echoed Russian Anti-Doping Agency CEO Yuri Ganus, who said a month ago the Russian Athletics Federation was in "a world of illusion" and needed a purge of top officials. Ganus and federation president Dmitry Shlyakhtin held talks with Sports Minister Pavel Kolobkov on Monday.

Lasitskene won world titles in 2015 and 2017, but was

barred from the 2016 Olympics because of sanctions against the Russian team. She competes internationally under a neutral flag.

"I think that for the federation it's a bad signal, a bad sign," he said.

"They don't have that direct connection with the young guys, the young athletes, and it's unpleasant information for the federation. Of course, Dmitry Shlyakhtin should meet with them and say what kind of work is being done ... and build complete support from our clean athletes, the guys representing our country."

Sunday's IAAF decision left Russia with little over three months to avoid competing under a neutral flag at the world championships in Qatar. After Russia was barred from international athletics in 2015 because of widespread doping, the country's competitors participated at the 2017 worlds as neutral athletes.

The head of the IAAF's Russia task force, Rune Andersen, said there was evidence the country was "backsliding" on anti-doping reforms. He cited evidence that banned coaches have continued to work with athletes, and an ongoing investigation into whether Russian officials provided fake medical documentation to give high jumper Danil Lysenko an alibi for failing to notify drug testers of his whereabouts. □



In this Saturday, May 25, 2019, file photo, United States women's national soccer team head coach Jill Ellis smiles during a training session at Red Bull Arena in Harrison, N.J.

Associated Press

Ellis downplays comments by former U.S. goalkeeper Hope Solo

By **ANNE M. PETERSON**
AP Sports Writer

REIMS, France (AP) — U.S. national team coach Jill Ellis has downplayed critical comments made by former goalkeeper Hope Solo, who said the World Cup-winning coach "cracks under pressure."

Ellis addressed the remarks Monday, a day before the defending champion U.S. team opens World Cup play against Thailand, saying, "Comments are comments."

"For me, personally, I feel over the past five years I've made a lot of important decisions and I have processes to make those decisions, and I own those processes," Ellis said. "At this point, everything and every focus is about this group of players that are here and now. Pundits, out there, that's part of it. And part of the message is always to make sure that the focus is on the internal part of the game. And that's where we are."

Solo, who is working for the BBC during the tournament and has been known to make incendiary comments, knocked Ellis on a podcast where she said the coach is "not the leader I wish her to be."

"She relies heavily on her assistant coaches. She cracks under the pressure quite a bit," Solo said on the podcast. "But often that doesn't matter because the quality of the players on the U.S. team is superb. It doesn't matter who is coaching us because we will find a way to win. The United States knows how to find a way to win in spite of who the coach is."

Solo made 202 appearances with the national team with 153 wins and an international-record 102 shutouts. She allowed just three goals in seven games and had five shutouts during the team's 2015 World Cup championship run under Ellis.

Her tenure with the national team ended after the Americans were ousted by Sweden in the quarterfinals during the 2016 Rio Olympics. Afterward, Solo called the Swedes cowards for bunkering on defense. The blowback was immediate, and U.S. Soccer suspended Solo and terminated her contract.

The federation maintained the decision was based on a culmination of events. Solo was suspended for 30 days in early 2015 when she and husband Jerramy Stevens were pulled over in a U.S. Soccer-owned van, and Stevens was charged with DUI.

She was also benched after publicly questioning coach Greg Ryan's decision to start Briana Scurry against Brazil during the 2007 World Cup, comments that many saw as a slight against Scurry. There was also an off-field altercation with family members in 2014, although charges in that case were dismissed.

Current goalkeeper Alyssa Naeher said she hadn't heard the podcast.

"I haven't been on social media since we left New York, so I'm not really sure what's going on, to be honest," Naeher said.

Naeher can't escape comparisons to Solo, who went to three World Cups and won the Golden Glove for best goalkeeper in Germany in 2011 and in Canada in 2015.

"Obviously, she has an incredible legacy," Naeher said. "She was a great player for this team and she was a great goalkeeper. She represented this team for a very long time at a high level and she was one of the best goalkeepers in the world for a long time," Naeher said. "I have a lot of respect for the career that she had."

Midfielder Julie Ertz said the team is in its World Cup "bubble," where players shut out distractions.

"Anything you feel like doesn't keep you focused, we just try to eliminate it," Ertz said. □

AP: 3 million U.S. students don't have home internet

By **MICHAEL MELIA, JEFF AMY and LARRY FENN**
Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) —

With no computer or internet at home, Raegan Byrd's homework assignments present a nightly challenge: How much can she get done using just her smartphone?

On the tiny screen, she switches between web pages for research projects, losing track of tabs whenever friends send messages. She uses her thumbs to tap out school papers, but when glitches keep her from submitting assignments electronically, she writes them out by hand.

"At least I have something, instead of nothing, to explain the situation," said Raegan, a high school senior in Hartford.

She is among nearly 3 million students around the country who face struggles keeping up with their studies because they must make do without home internet. In classrooms, access to laptops and the internet is nearly universal. But at home, the cost of internet service and gaps in its availability create obstacles in urban areas and rural communities alike.

In what has become known as the homework gap, an estimated 17% of U.S. students do not have access to computers at home and 18% do not have home access to broadband internet, according to an Associated Press analysis of census data.

Until a couple of years ago, Raegan's school gave every student a laptop equipped with an internet hot spot. But that grant program lapsed. In the area surrounding the school in the city's north end, less than half of households have home access.

School districts, local governments and others have tried to help. Districts installed wireless internet on buses and loaned out hot spots. Many communities compiled lists of wi-fi-enabled restaurants and other businesses where children are welcome to linger and do schoolwork. Others



In this May 8, 2019, photo, third-grade student Miles Stidham uses an East Webster High School laptop to do homework in Maben, Miss.

repurposed unused television frequencies to provide connectivity, a strategy that the Hartford Public Library plans to try next year in the north end.

Some students study in the parking lots of schools, libraries or restaurants — wherever they can find a signal.

The consequences can be dire for children in these situations, because students with home internet consistently score higher in reading, math and science. And the homework gap in many ways mirrors broader educational barriers for poor and minority students. Students without internet at home are more likely to be students of color, from low-income families or in households with lower parental education levels. Janice Flemming-Butler, who has researched barriers to internet access in Hartford's largely black north end, said the disadvantage for minority students is an injustice on the same level as "when black people didn't have books."

Raegan, who is black, is grateful for her iPhone, and the data plan paid for by her grandfather. The honors student at Hartford's Journalism and Media Academy tries to make as much progress as possible

while at school.

"On a computer — click, click — it's so much easier," she said.

Classmate Madison Elbert has access to her mother's computer at home, but she was without home internet this spring, which added to deadline stress for a research project.

"I really have to do everything on my phone because I have my data and that's it," she said.

Administrators say they try to make the school a welcoming place, with efforts including an after-school dinner program, in part to encourage them to use the technology at the building. Some teachers offer class time for students to work on projects that require an internet connection.

English teacher Susan Johnston said she also tries to stick with educational programs that offer smartphone apps. Going back to paper and chalkboards is not an option, she said.

"I have kids all the time who are like, 'Miss, can you just give me a paper copy of this?' And I'm like, 'Well, no, because I really need you to get familiar with technology because it's not going away,'" she said.

A third of households with school-age children that do not have home inter-

net cite the expense as the main reason, according to federal Education Department statistics gathered in 2017 and released in May. The survey found the number of households without internet has been declining overall but was still at 14 percent for metropolitan areas and 18 percent in nonmetropolitan areas.

A commissioner at the Federal Communications Commission, Jessica Rosenworcel, called the homework gap "the cruelest part of the digital divide." In rural northern Mississippi, reliable home internet is not available for some at any price.

On many afternoons, Sharon Stidham corrals her four boys into the school library at East Webster High School, where her husband is assistant principal, so they can use the internet for schoolwork. A cellphone tower is visible through the trees from their home on a hilltop near Maben, but the internet signal does not reach their house, even after they built a special antenna on top of a nearby family cabin.

A third of the 294 households in Maben have no computer and close to half have no internet.

Her 10-year-old son, Miles, who was recently diag-

nosed with dyslexia, plays an educational computer game that his parents hope will help improve his reading and math skills. His brother, 12-year-old Cooper, says teachers sometimes tell students to watch a YouTube video to help figure out a math problem, but that's not an option at his house.

On the outskirts of Starkville, home to Mississippi State University, Jennifer Hartness said her children often have to drive into town for a reliable internet connection. Her daughter Abigail Shaw, who does a blend of high school and college work on the campus of a community college, said most assignments have to be completed using online software, and that she relies on downloading class presentations to study.

"We spend a lot of time at the coffee shops, and we went to McDonald's parking lot before then," Abigail said.

At home, the family uses a satellite dish that costs \$170 a month. It allows a certain amount of high-speed data each month and then slows to a crawl. Hartness said it's particularly unreliable for uploading data. Abigail said she has lost work when satellites or phones have frozen. □

Associated Press

Liz Weston: Don't believe these Social Security myths

By **LIZ WESTON**
NerdWallet
Associated Press

Researchers tell us that most people would be better off waiting to claim Social Security benefits. Yet most people file early. More than half apply for Social Security before they reach full retirement age, which is currently 66 and rising to 67 for people born in 1960 and later. More than 30% apply as soon as they can — at age 62. Only about one in 25 applicants waits until age 70, when monthly benefits max out. Some people have little choice, of course. They may have no savings and no job. Others have better options than applying early, but don't realize it. That's due in part to the many, many myths surrounding Social Security — and people's tendency to think they know more about this program than they actually do. A 2013 survey by Financial Engines found that 77% of pre-retirees felt confident about their Social Security knowledge, but 95% could not correctly answer eight questions about how the program works. Here are the myths most likely to cost you money: **'IT DOESN'T MATTER WHEN I**



This April 2017, file photo provided by NerdWallet shows Liz Weston, a columnist for personal finance website NerdWallet.com.

TAKE SOCIAL SECURITY'

Social Security benefits increase by about 7% each year between 62 and your full retirement age, and by 8% each year between full retirement age and 70. This actuarial adjustment aims to ensure that people who opt for larger checks for a shorter period don't get less than those who get smaller checks for longer periods. But longer life expectancies, current low interest rates and rules regarding survivor benefits mean that most people are better off delaying, says researcher Sita Slavov, a professor of public policy at George

Mason University in Arlington, Virginia, and a faculty research fellow at the National Bureau of Economic Research.

Social Security also provides insurance against longevity. People who live longer than expected can run out of savings and wind up depending mostly or even entirely on Social Security. That alone is a good reason for most people to delay their applications.

'IF I HAVE A SHORTER-THAN-AVERAGE LIFE EXPECTANCY, I SHOULD CLAIM BENEFITS EARLY'

Most people underestimate how long they are

likely to live, according to the Stanford Center on Longevity. A 65-year-old man today can expect to live to 84, according to the Social Security Administration. A 65-year-old woman can expect to live to 86.5. Couples who are 65 today stand a 50% chance of having one spouse live to 92, according to the Society of Actuaries. Life expectancies are even longer for those now in their mid-50s. One in two women and one in three men will live past 90, the actuaries say. Even if you're right about having a shorter life expectancy, though, claiming early could shortchange your mate. Married couples will lose one of their checks when the first spouse dies, which can cause a serious drop in income. The survivor will get the larger of the two checks the couple was receiving. That gives the higher earner in a couple — the one whose check will be the largest — a strong incentive to delay so that the survivor's benefit is larger.

'IF I CLAIM BENEFITS EARLY AND INVEST THEM, I'LL COME OUT AHEAD'

No investment offers a guaranteed return as high as what you can get from delaying your Social Secu-

rity application. To match that return, you'd have to take a lot of risk. Even the most prudent investor can get shellacked by a bear market or real estate downturn.

'I HAVE TO CLAIM SOCIAL SECURITY AS SOON AS I QUIT WORKING'

You don't have to start Social Security when you stop working, or vice versa. Financial planners often suggest people tap their retirement funds or other savings if that allows them to delay their applications.

Also, you don't have to wait until 70 to get substantial returns. Delaying four years, from 62 to 66, can translate into a 33% sustainable, annual increase in your standard of living, Slavov says.

'I NEED TO APPLY BEFORE SOCIAL SECURITY GOES BANKRUPT'

Social Security is not "going bankrupt." If Congress doesn't act, in 2035 the system will be able to pay only about 80% of promised benefits — and 80% clearly is not the same as zero. If and when Congress does get around to fixing Social Security, the changes are likely to affect people further from retirement. "Locking in" your benefit early just means settling for smaller checks for life. □

US employers hired a record number of people in April

By **CHRISTOPHER RUGABER**
Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) —

U.S. employers hired the most people on record in April, while the number of open jobs was largely unchanged, evidence that the job market remains solid.

The Labor Department said Monday that businesses filled 5.9 million jobs that month, 4.2% more than in March and the most since records began in December 2000.

Some of the increase in hiring simply reflects population growth. As a percentage of the workforce, new hires reached 3.9%, a strong reading but below the record of 4.3% reached in January 2001.



In this Tuesday, June 4, 2019 photo, job applicants wait in line at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood during a job fair in Hollywood, Fla.

The report shows employers are confident enough about the economy to add staff. Still, there were warn-

ing signs: The number of job openings has declined from a record 7.6 million in November to 7.4 million

in April. That suggests demand for labor is softening a bit.

Growth also appears to be slowing, with most economists forecasting that the economy will expand in the April-June quarter at about half the pace it did in the first three months of the year. Rising trade tensions with China, slowing growth in Europe and Asia, and the fading of stimulus from tax cuts and greater government spending last year are weighing on the economy.

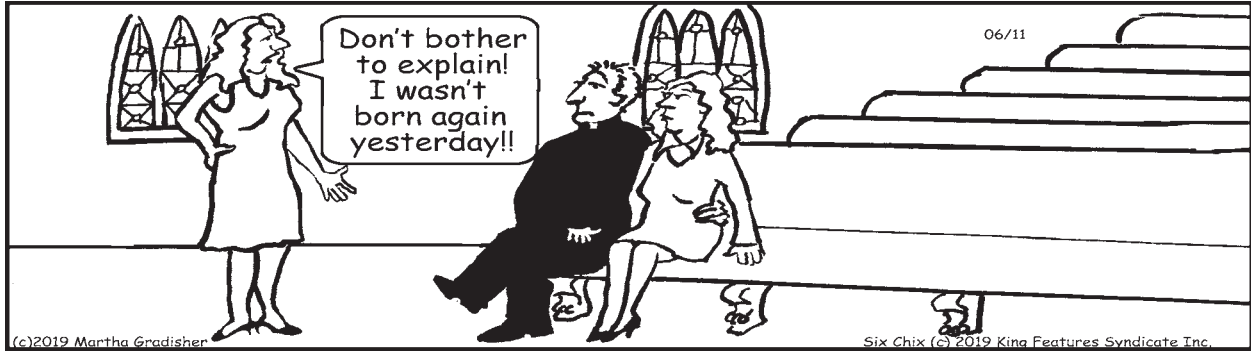
On Friday, the government said employers added just 75,000 jobs in May and 224,000 in April. Those monthly figures are a net total, while the 5.9 million is a total count of all hiring

in April. "Today's numbers confirm that the labor market has lost some momentum," said Nick Bunker, an economist at the job listings website Indeed. "Slowdowns happen. Just because this year won't be as strong as last year doesn't mean a recession is looming." There are still more jobs available than there are unemployed workers, a rare development and stark illustration of how low unemployment has fallen. Monday's report, known as the Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey, or JOLTS, also measures layoffs, which ticked up in April to 1.75 million but remained at a low level. Rising layoffs would be a signal that the economy was worsening. □

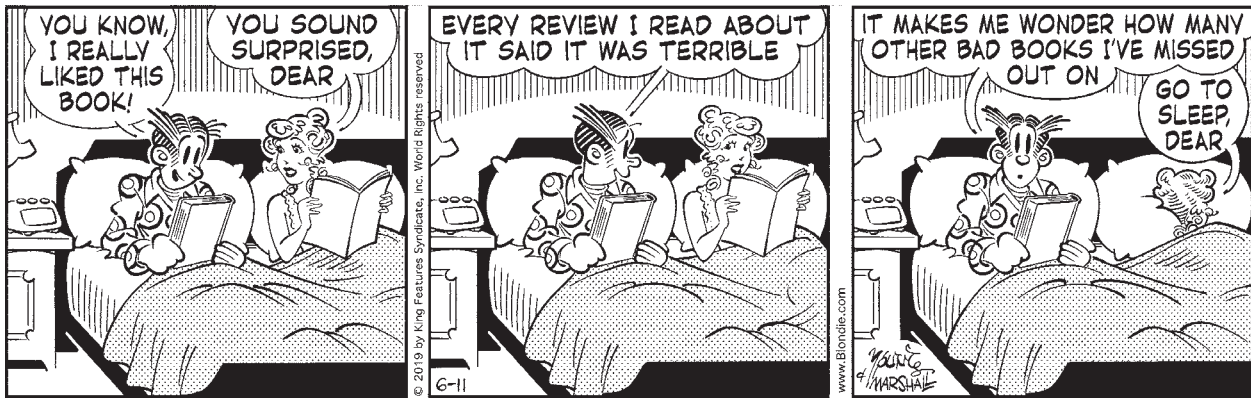
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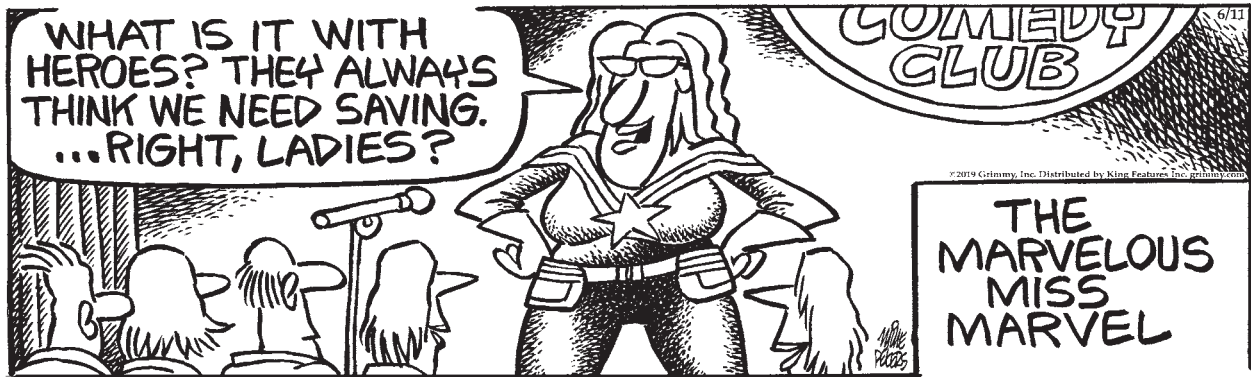
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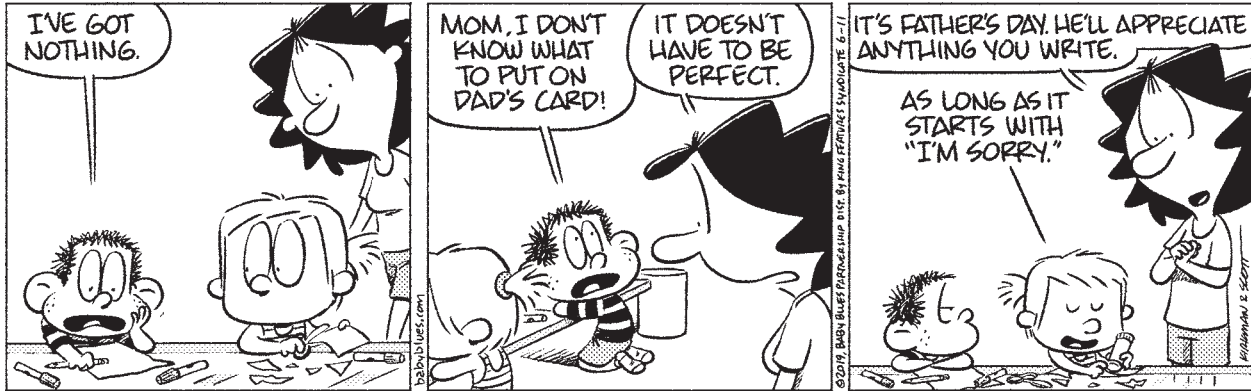
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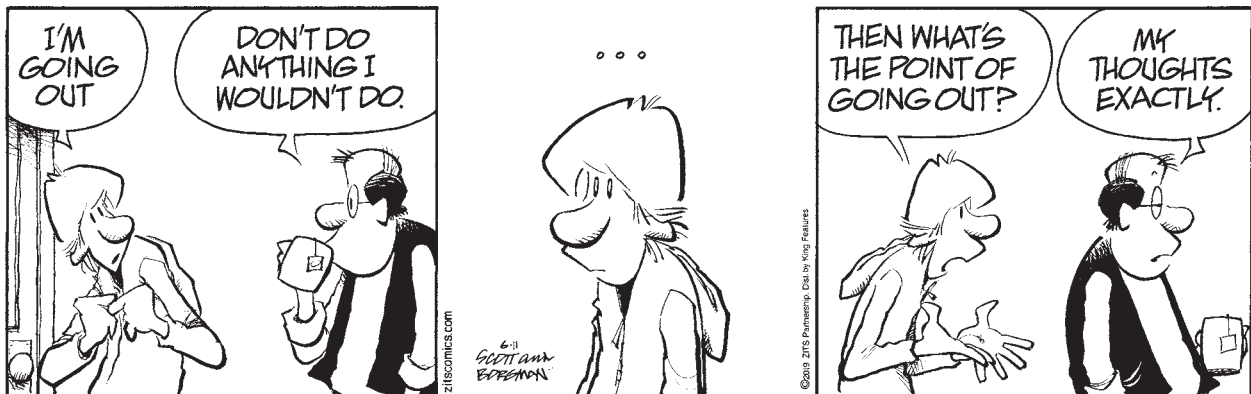
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

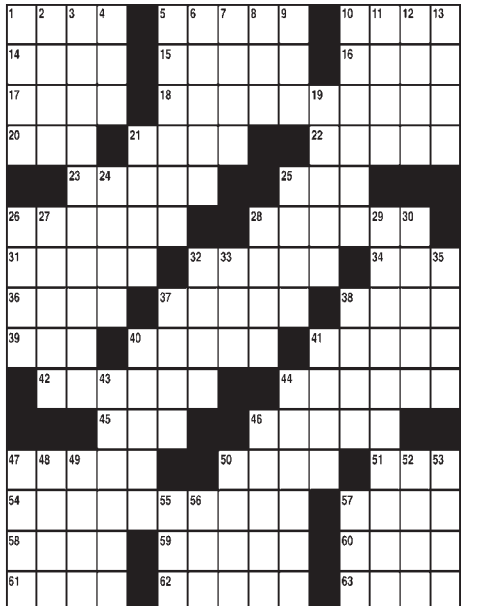
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Phoenix Zoo flying high over 3-week-old baby pygmy owls

Associated Press PHOENIX (AP) — Conservation specialists at the Phoenix Zoo say they are flying high over the arrival of four big-eyed baby pygmy owls.

The cactus ferruginous pygmy owls hatched three weeks ago and are being raised by two pairs of adult owls. Three pairs of the tiny owls laid 11 eggs among them, but only four hatched successfully.

The zoo said this week that the chicks were born through a breeding program started by Wild at Heart raptor rescue with the Arizona Game & Fish Department and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Weighing fewer than 3 ounces, the owl is native to Arizona, southern Texas and northern Mexico. It nests inside cavities of saguaro cactuses.

Its numbers dwindled in recent decades, and there are now believed to be fewer than 100 in Arizona. □

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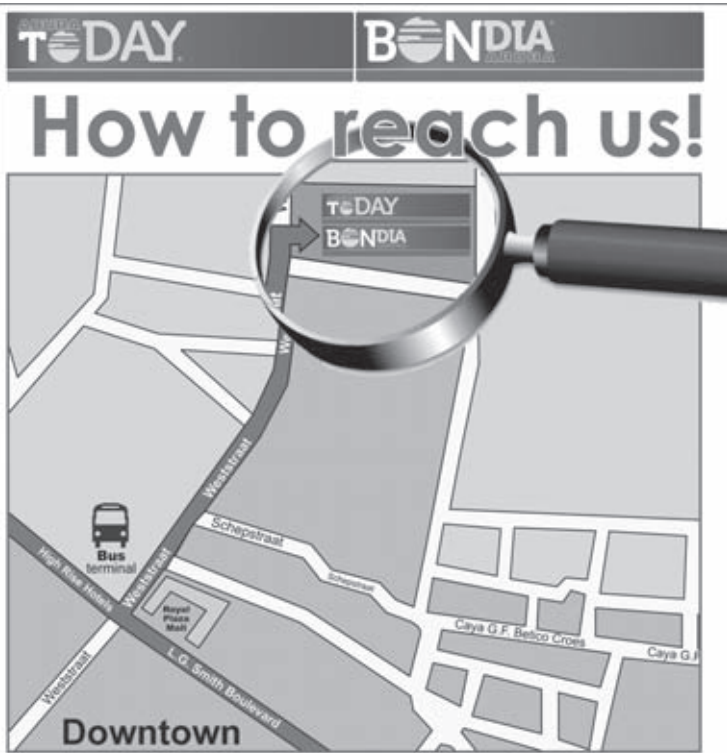
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Testing shows these waves are sick, in totally the wrong way

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LONG BRANCH, N.J. (AP) —

Most surfers know it's best to avoid surfing near pipes that dump storm water into the ocean soon after a storm, due to the increased chance of getting sick from bacteria that enter the surf. Many do it anyway because the periods just after storms often bring bigger waves, prompting them to hold their nose and brave the so-called "chocolate tube" or the "root beer float."

Although the relationship between heavy rain, out-fall pipes and water-borne bacteria has been well established, it continues to be studied around the country and the world.

One such study is underway at New Jersey's Monmouth University, where researchers are evaluating water quality at popular surfing beaches along the Jersey shore with an eye toward documenting higher levels of harmful, illness-causing bacteria in the water after storms. The idea is to give surfers and others who use the water more information to make more informed decisions about when to surf and what might be in the water around them.

"It's not a question of if you're going to get sick, it's when," said Richard Lee, a surfer and executive director of the Surfers Environmental Alliance, which is funding the \$30,000 year-long study in New Jersey. "There have been ear infections, eye infections, respiratory infections, intestinal problems.

"The water is murkier; sometimes we call it the 'root beer float,'" he said. "You get this orange-brown float on the surface."

A 2010 study by the Surfrid-



This May 30, 2019 photo shows Skye Post, who will be a junior at Monmouth University this fall, demonstrating water quality testing equipment near a storm drain outfall pipe on the beach in Long Branch, N.J.

er Foundation found surfers are more likely to get sick from being in the water than other beachgoers. This is partly because they are in the water more frequently and for longer periods, and ingest 10 times more water than swimmers, the survey found.

A team of student and university staff researchers is taking water quality samples before and after each rainfall this year.

"When we get big storms, the stuff that's getting into the water is what's making us sick," said Jason Adolf, a marine science professor at Monmouth. Most of the bacteria come from pet waste in streets that gets washed down drains and out into the ocean, but occasionally sewer systems overflow into storm drain systems, as well, adding human bacteria to the mix.

New Jersey authorities also

do their own beach water quality testing along the shore, but mostly during summer months. The Monmouth testing will continue through fall and winter, when storms can be more numerous and surfers are still in the water. Jeff Weisburg, a specialist profes-

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sor who teaches about microbiology, health and disease, said fall hurricanes usually produce the best waves of the year on the East Coast.

While the state testing is used to issue swimming advisories and if necessary, to temporarily close beaches

when bacteria levels are high, the Monmouth research is aimed more at documenting local conditions at particular beaches throughout the year.

Larry Hajna, a spokesman for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, said the state has no plans to incorporate the Monmouth research into its own beach monitoring program, and noted "the connections between heavy rainfall, storm water pipe discharges and temporary increases in bacterial levels are well documented."

Similar work has been going on for years wherever surfers take to the water. High school students in Santa Monica, California, have tested the waters at popular surfing beaches there. Health departments in Los Angeles and San Diego monitor water quality near outfall sources.

And in the U.K., a group called Surfers Against Sewage collected evidence of raw sewage entering waterways and pushed for stricter laws to prevent it. It sent out over 244,000 real-time text alerts about water quality during the 2016 bathing season. □

Bioengineered salmon won't come from U.S.'s biggest farm state

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) —

Genetically engineered salmon is heading to store shelves in the U.S., but it won't be coming from the biggest salmon farming state in the country.

Massachusetts-based AquaBounty Technologies has said American supermarkets could begin selling the much-debated fish by the end of next year. Its fish are modified with added genes from other fish to grow about twice as fast as conventional salmon.

The company modifies Atlantic salmon, a species that forms the backbone of the worldwide salmon aquaculture industry. Maine is the biggest producer of conventional Atlantic salmon in the U.S.,



This 2009 photo provided by AquaBounty Technologies shows a juvenile salmon raised at the company's hatchery in Fortune, Prince Edward Island, Canada.

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sometimes producing more than 35 million pounds (15.9 million kilograms) of salmon per year, and its industry is poised to grow. Two new major salmon farms are in the approvals process in the state.

But fish farmers in Maine are not considering using the genetically engineered fish, said Sebastian Belle,

executive director of the Maine Aquaculture Association. Numerous conditions would have to be met before that would change, including customers requesting the fish in stores, he said. The group also feels the environmental assessment of the fish conducted by regulators was not rigorous enough, Belle said. □



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Ron Howard tells Pavarotti's 'bittersweet' story in new doc

By MIKE SILVERMAN

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Ron Howard recalls seeing his first opera when he was 4 years old. Just don't ask him to tell you much about it.

The budding child star and future director was in Austria with his parents to shoot a movie, and they took him to a performance at the Vienna State Opera House.

"I remember this soprano hitting this note in this unbelievable gown," Howard said, gesturing with his arms to conjure up the scene, "There's the set, she's over here on the left in profile, and she's singing, and she turns back to the actors and everybody's going crazy, there's a big ovation. I don't know what opera it was."

Not exactly the start of a lifelong love affair with



In this May 27, 2003 file photo, Luciano Pavarotti bows to the audience during the Pavarotti & Friends charity concert for Iraqi children at the Novi Sad Park in Modena, Italy.

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opera. But in a way that makes Howard the perfect director for the new documentary "Pavarotti," which is being released in the United States on Friday. Part biography and part greatest-hits concert, it aims to introduce Luciano Pavarotti to a new generation as well as to engage those who are already fans.

The Italian lyric tenor, who was born in Modena in 1935 and died of pancreatic cancer in 2007, was considered by many to have the most beautiful voice of his type since Enrico Caruso. He sang at leading opera houses for 40 years, sold millions of records as the "king of the high C's," and, with his endearing personality and love of publicity, became a household name in a way no opera star has since.

"I'd never seen him live, but I was well aware of his stature," Howard said in a recent interview. "My hope is the film goes a step toward that agenda of his which was to democratize

the art form and broaden the audience reach."

Howard, known for his eclectic range from comedies like "Cocoon" and "Splash" to serious dramas like "Apollo 13" and "A Beautiful Mind" (which won him a directing Oscar), said he got involved in the project through producer Nigel Sinclair, with whom he had worked on a documentary called "The Beatles: Eight Days a Week."

Researching the project, Howard studied the plots of Pavarotti's signature operas like Puccini's "La Bohème" and Donizetti's "L'Elisir d'Amore" and the lyrics to his arias. That gave him an idea about how to structure his film.

"I thought, well, we might be able to use these arias to almost do an opera about Pavarotti that might give us an interesting framework," he said. "To use the music to share with people his life's journey."

And quite a journey it was — from childhood poverty in wartime Italy to a rise to

fame and riches; from marriage and three children to years of philandering and finally divorce and remarriage. Artistically, Pavarotti moved from performing mainly on opera stages to singing in large arenas before hundreds of thousands of people — including as part of the Three Tenors with Plácido Domingo and José Carreras — and finally to collaborating with pop artists like Bono. And he was literally an outsize figure: With his love of food and Italian cooking, he constantly struggled with ballooning weight.

"It's a bittersweet story," Howard said. "He lived the dream, he became Caruso, his era's great example of a global superstar as an opera singer. And then he clearly lost his way emotionally."

"I think he set the bar so high for himself I'm not sure he could ever live up to what his ambitions were, for all fronts — life, his art, his personal relationships," he said. □

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Prince Philip marks 98th birthday in private

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LONDON (AP) — Senior royals are congratulating Prince Philip as the husband of Queen Elizabeth II celebrates his 98th birthday in private. In a tweet Monday, the royal family wished Philip "a very happy" birthday. The British Army plans to fire gun salutes in Philip's honor. The Army tweeted that it is "determined to make it a good one."

Some of Philip's children and grandchildren also posted tributes.

Philip has officially retired from public life although he is still occasionally seen with the queen at official events. He skipped President Donald Trump's visit. He still drives a horse-drawn carriage on private grounds from time to time but has stopped driving cars since a serious car ac-



In this Tuesday, June 27, 2017 file photo, Britain's Prince Philip leaves St Paul's Church in Knightsbridge, London.

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cident in January. He gave up his driver's license at the time. □

'Western Stars' new path for Bruce Springsteen

By **GREGORY KATZ**
Associated Press

Bruce Springsteen, "Western Stars" (Columbia)

Bruce Springsteen's new studio release breaks fresh ground for the veteran rocker, who turns his back not only on the blistering sound of the E Street Band but also abandons the haunting acoustic moods pioneered on "Nebraska" and fine-tuned on later solo efforts.

After the soul-searching, confessional tone of his best-selling autobiography and sold-out Broadway show, Springsteen's "Western Stars" relies on an unfamiliar orchestral approach that somewhat masks the singer and is devoid of driving beats, sax solos and rock 'n' roll tropes.

Instead, he draws on the rich tradition of California-styled, pre-Beatles pop. There are hints of Roy Orbison's soaring vocals and Brian Wilson's pocket symphonies, but the lyrics are pure Springsteen. Beneath the glossy sheen are the taut narratives, introspection and ambiguous moments familiar to longtime listeners. His storytelling skills are as strong as ever, just



In this Nov. 5, 2018 file photo, Bruce Springsteen performs at the 12th annual Stand Up For Heroes benefit concert at the Hulu Theater at Madison Square Garden in New York.

presented in a different way. He's paying homage to an era when the single reigned, and radio airtime went a long way to determining an artist's success or oblivion, but Springsteen is not looking for No.1 hits with easy hooks. "Western Stars" is understated, without over-the-top orchestration or hyperbole. Each

song stands alone as a self-contained story; taken as a whole it's a panorama of loneliness and heartbreak. The protagonists are mostly men, and mostly beaten down, but there are occasional whiffs of freedom, usually tied to the joys of the open road, that most enduring of American myths. It is no accident that the

album opens with "Hitch Hikin'" and this straightforward image of a loner in perpetual motion: "Thumb stuck out as I go/I'm just travelin' up the road/Maps don't do much for me, friend/I follow the weather and the wind." It's a recurring image dating back to the days of Woody Guthrie. There are other fully-formed

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characters from Springsteen's imagination: the failed country music songwriter, his lyrics rejected at every turn, the busted up B-movie stuntman held together by rods and pins, even a rundown hotel with an empty swimming pool with dandelions pushing up through the cracked concrete takes on a life of its own as a character in "Moonlight Motel."

But it's not all heartbreak. There are small celebrations, too, notably in "Sleepy Joe's Café," where working men and women can find solace on the dance floor when weekend comes. It's a dreamy place where Monday morning is far, far away, and Springsteen has placed it in the context of the postwar economic boom that powered America for decades: "Joe came home in '45 and took out a G.I. loan/ On a sleepy little spot an Army cook could call his own/He married May, the highway come in and they woke up to find they were sitting on top of a pretty little gold mine." It's a nostalgic vision, yes, but those roadhouses still exist. You just have to drive a bit. □

Rapper Bushwick Bill of the Geto Boys dies at 52

By **The Associated Press**

Bushwick Bill, the diminutive, one-eyed rapper who with the Geto Boys helped put the South's stamp on rap with hits like "Mind Playing Tricks On Me" and "Six Feet Deep," died on Sunday at the age of 52, according to his publicist.

Dawn P. told The Associated Press that the rapper died Sunday at 9:35 p.m., local time, at a Colorado hospital. The publicist says the rapper, whose legal name is Richard Shaw, was surrounded by family when he died.

His Dallas-based business manager, Pete Marrero, said the rapper was diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer in February. He had been planning to go on tour around the time he was hospitalized.

In an interview with TMZ,



In this March 18, 2016, photo Bushwick Bill, right, joins Deftones' Chino Moreno onstage at the SPIN Party at Stubb's during the South by Southwest Music Festival in Austin, Texas.

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Bushwick Bill said he wasn't afraid of dying, referencing one of his songs, "Ever So Clear," from his 1992 solo album, where he talks about shooting himself in the head and losing an

eye when he was high on drugs.

"I died and came back already on June 19, 1991 so I know what it's like on the other side," he said.

He said he was working on

new music because, "I notice when most celebrities pass, they really don't have nothing set up for their children and everything's in disarray so I figure, old music will sell but if I have new music for them ... at least they will have residual income from those things." The Houston-based Geto Boys was a trio consisting of Bushwick Bill, Scarface and Willie D that launched in the late 1980s. Their gritty verses punctuated by tales of violence, misogyny and hustling made them platinum sensations and showed that rap had strength outside the strongholds of New York, where it got its start, and later Los Angeles.

Bushwick Bill was the group's most explosive member, and played up his real-life chaos: The cover of the Geto Boys "We

Can't Be Stopped" features him on a gurney with a garish eye wound. Later, he would compare himself to the horror character Chucky, even writing a song about it.

On another of the group's tracks, "Damn It Feels Good to be a Gangsta," he rapped about being a smart gangster who was positioning himself for success and longevity rather than a violent early death. The song was featured in Mike Judge's 1999 workplace satire "Office Space."

The Jamaica-born rapper was widely reported to have died earlier Sunday after a bandmate wrote a post on Instagram suggesting so, but his publicist had said Sunday afternoon that those reports were premature. □

Mezzo Isabel Leonard balancing singing and being a mother

By RONALD BLUM

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Isabel Leonard had just finished singing Sesto in Handel's "Giulio Cesare" in Paris and was taking a few days off with her 8-month-old son Teo when her manager's office contacted her and asked whether she was on a plane back to the U.S.

"I'm like, no, I'm actually in Vienna," she said.

That was good news for the Vienna State Opera. The performer scheduled to play Cherubino had gotten sick, and the company wanted the mezzo-soprano to make an unscheduled debut that night in Mozart's "Le Nozze di Figaro."

"I just need to find a baby sitter," Leonard said.

Three days after her 29th birthday in February 2011, Leonard rushed through a one-woman rehearsal that lasted about 30 minutes per act — "just add hot water. It's an instant opera" she said with a chuckle. She took the Staatsoper stage hours later in a cast that included Luca Pisaroni, Erwin Schrott and Dorothea Röschmann.

Such has been the life of Leonard, a two-time Grammy-winner and, at 37, a single mom and a sought-after singer.

After starring in three productions at the Metropoli-



In this Wednesday, April 10, 2019 file photo, Isabel Leonard attends the Women in the World Summit opening night at the David H. Koch Theater at Lincoln Center in New York.

tan Opera this season, she appears at Carnegie Hall on Monday night in an all-French program for new music director Yannick Nézet-Séguin. It's his first concert leading the Met Orchestra.

"This is probably for me one of the healthiest voices I have ever encountered in my life," Nézet-Séguin said. "The incredible artistry and the attention to words and meaning that she brings to every role she approaches makes it a conductor's dream." A native New Yorker, Leonard married New Zealand baritone

Teddy Tahu Rhodes in 2008. They divorced and she has sole custody of Teo, who just turned 9.

She asked advice once or twice from soprano Renée Fleming, who divorced while her daughters were young. Fleming thought back to what the late soprano Joan Sutherland once told her.

"She said, 'Have your children. She said her grandchildren were the greatest joy in her life. And she said it doesn't matter when it happens because you'll have this extraordinary family and you won't even

remember the engagements that you lost,'" Fleming recalled.

Spending time with Teo caused Leonard to withdraw from the world premiere of "Marnie" at London's English National Opera in November 2017, though she sang the U.S. premiere last fall to kick off her Met season, which included a role debut in Debussy's "Pelléas et Mélisande" and a shattering Blanche de la Force in Poulenc's "Dialogues des Carmélites."

Growing up in Manhattan, Leonard studied ballet. She attended LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts and earned bachelor's and master's degrees at Juilliard. She made her professional debut as Zerlina in Mozart's "Don Giovanni" at Bordeaux, France, in 2006, her U.S. debut as Stéphano in Gounod's "Roméo et Juliette" in Atlanta the following January and her Met debut as Stéphano that September.

Leonard has received notable notices in Mozart, Rossini and other composers of the central repertory, and she has impressed in contemporary operas that included "Marnie," Thomas Ades' "The Tempest" and Jennifer Higdon's "Cold Mountain."

"It's great when you have a living composer because

you get so much more input on what their mind was thinking about when they wrote it and what they were hearing," Leonard said.

"The theater aspect of what we already do is, I think, why I'm in this in the first place."

Her acting can be intense, but deliberate.

"She will never throw at you big vocal or acting effects just for the sake of being with an effect, said Nézet-Séguin. "It's always because it's very, very integrated and thought through. And I find this much more moving than some people who actually just go for the easy effect."

She was preparing Cherubino at England's Glyndebourne Festival in 2012 when she flew back to record what has become a highlight for some opera singers: "Sesame Street." Appearing with Murray Monster and Ovejita on a "People in Your Neighborhood" segment that aired the following year, she sang an excerpt of "Una voce poco fa" from Rossini's "Il Barbiere di Siviglia." She's performed for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg at the Supreme Court and had been cast by Mike Nichols alongside Meryl Streep in an HBO film of Terrence McNally's "Master Class" before the director died in 2014.

"You're so fortunate to have had that moment in time where that person and you connected just for a moment," Leonard said.

Next season includes "Werther" at London's Royal Opera, "La Cenerentola" at the Dutch National Opera and "Barbiere" in Cincinnati, and a role debut in Bizet's "Carmen" is planned in a following season. She and Teo are splitting time between New York and Chicago, where she has a rental apartment near Wrigley Field and cousins who live in the area.

"I don't project a lot on myself in terms of where I think I'm going to be. For whatever reason, I never have," □

A detective pursues justice in 'One Small Sacrifice'

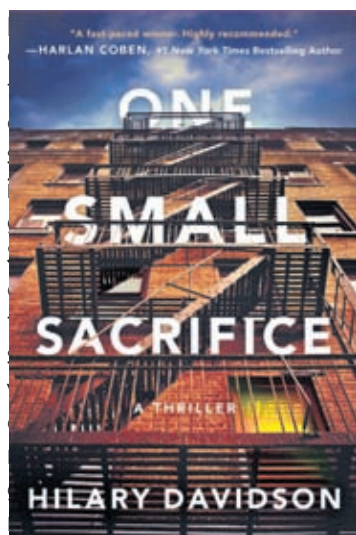
By JEFF AYERS

Associated Press

"One Small Sacrifice (a Thriller)" (Thomas & Mercer), by Hilary Davidson.

Photojournalist Alex Traynor lost his friend Cori to suicide a year ago. Detective Sheryn Sterling tried very hard to prove that Traynor pushed Cori off a ledge rather than the case closing with her jumping off a roof. Even though he claims to have no memory of the events that resulted in Cori's death, Sterling knows Traynor is guilty.

Traynor has moved on and is about to marry Emily, a doctor. When Emily disap-



This cover image released by Thomas and Mercer shows "One Small Sacrifice" by Hilary Davidson.

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viously thought?

The story line veers between alternate points of view with Traynor and Sterling, and their perspectives on the same information provide different results. Writing the novel in this fashion amps up the suspense while also giving the narrative a complex and compelling flair. In addition, Davidson does an admirable job of making a complicated issue such as PTSD relatable.

With an unpredictable ending and evidence that this is the start of a series, definitely check out "One Small Sacrifice." □

Many couples say 'I do' to Zero-Waste weddings

By **KATHERINE ROTH**
Associated Press

To protect the environment, many couples are saying "I do" to Zero-Waste weddings, focusing on sustainability for everything from floral design and dresses to invitations and food.

The goal is to recycle, re-use, compost and otherwise keep anything from becoming trash in a landfill. Whether or not couples succeed in reaching the Zero-Waste goal, "they're certainly more conscious of the ecological impact of what they do, and are aiming for something as close to that as possible," says Rachel Sylvester, lifestyle editor at Real Simple magazine. The key to success, experts say, is letting wedding planners, vendors and your reception venue know from the start that you're serious about going Zero Waste. Then be flexible enough to facilitate that.

"Flexibility and creativity are essential," Sylvester says. Bea Johnson, one of the pioneers of the Zero-Waste movement, says, "You'd be amazed at what you can find second-hand if you're open-minded and really look around." Her Zero Waste Home blog features a "bulk finder" tab that helps locate businesses selling food, drinks and other items free of plastic packaging.

Kathryn Kellogg, who wrote extensively about her Zero-Waste wedding on her Going Zero Waste blog, host-



This photo provided by Laetitia Drouet, of France-based Kamelion Couture, shows a wedding dress created by her which was inspired by the Bea Johnson book "Zero Waste Home."

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ed a reception for 60 people on a shoestring budget of \$200 for everything. She bought bedsheets from a thrift shop to use as tablecloths, and borrowed dishes, tables and seating from friends and family.

"We were on a tight budget, so we were married at city hall with our closest family there, had a separate reception for about 60 people, and decided to save most of our money for a really great honeymoon in Maine," she says.

"Honestly, the hardest part was convincing our families to go along with it all. My biggest tip is not to stress things, and to balance expectations with reality. Ours may not have been the perfect Pinterest wedding, but that didn't make it less fun or meaningful."

Some Zero-Waste wedding tips:

FOOD AND DECOR

Choose cloth napkins, and authentic tableware, glassware and plates, rather than disposables.

"It's easy enough to rent, borrow or find things at thrift shops," says Kellogg, who used her abundant collection of Mason jars and borrowed items for her reception. "Sometimes an eclectic mix of plates and glasses can be fun," says Johnson. As for food, Kellogg says, "I took my Crock-Pot to the



This photo provided by Ten Speed Press shows a floral arch featured in the book "Seasonal Flower Arranging: Fill Your Home with Blooms, Branches, and Foraged Materials All Year Round" by Ariella Chezar.

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butcher, had him put in 4 or 5 pounds of pork shoulder, and served pulled pork and pulled jackfruit for the main dishes," Kellogg says. She and Johnson both recommend colorful displays of fruits, vegetables or even flower petals as table centerpieces that guests can take home and enjoy.

GIFTS

"Instead of traditional wed-

ding gifts, we asked guests to each bring a side dish or something to drink, and contribute to our honeymoon fund," Kellogg says. Other couples ask for donations to their favorite charity, or contributions toward a goal, such as a down payment on a house.

INVITATIONS

"For my wedding invitations, I bought card stock

and painted a design on the front, but these days I'd say paperlesspost.com or another e-mail option would be the best Zero-Waste option," says Johnson. If you're set on paper though, "go for recycled paper with vegetable ink," says Sylvester. Some papers are embedded with seeds, so guests can even soak the invitation in water and then plant it.

ATTIRE

Like tables, chairs and linens, wedding dresses and tuxedos can be rented. Vintage or second-hand dresses are also popular, and can be tailored to size. Some designers now make Zero-Waste dresses using fabric scraps otherwise destined for the trash.

"Zero-Waste weddings are a recent trend in France. This year I even designed for a client a wedding dress made from pieces of her grandmother's wedding dress," says Laetitia Drouet of the French-based Kamelion Couture.

FLOWERS

Choose locally grown, seasonal flowers, "certainly from a carbon-footprint perspective if not a waste perspective," says Ariella Chezar, author of the forthcoming book "Seasonal Flower Arranging: Fill Your Home with Blooms, Branches, and Foraged Materials All Year Round" (Ten Speed Press). To cut back on waste, make sure your florist isn't using foam in centerpieces and other arrangements. "It's one of those products that is non-biodegradable and is totally unnecessary," says Chezar. Next, plan how your florals will be repurposed after the event, she says. Many organizations will pick up arrangements and give them to nursing homes and other institutions. If nothing else, make sure flowers are composted instead of ending up in a landfill somewhere. "Or you can forgo cut flowers altogether in favor of potted plants, which can then be gifted or planted. There's certainly no waste there," Chezar says. □



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